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SOVIET DIRIGIBLE DISASTER

Moscow, To-day.

Thirteen of the crew of nineteen were killed when the Soviet dirigible V6 crashed on a practice flight in the Kandalaksha district, in Murmansk Province, yesterday. Three others were injured and three unhurt.—Reuter.

NORTH POLE EXPEDITION'S LONG DRIFT

Moscow, To-day.

Latest position of the Papinin North Pole expedition has been given by radio as 73 degrees 19 minutes north and 18 degrees west.

The camp on the ice floe is slowly drifting south and is therefore about 100 to 200 kilometres east of the uninhabited coast of Greenland.

The ice-breaker Taimyr speeding to the rescue has been involved in a dangerous adventure.

According to a radio from the vessel she has met a heavy gale, with seas sweeping over the decks. All on board, however, are safe.—Trans-Ocean.

MURMAN SETS OUT

Moscow, To-day.

Two aeroplanes were on board the ice breaker Murman when she left for Greenland to rescue the North Pole scientists.

The Murman is carrying sufficient coal and food for six months.

The planes will be used to spot the exact position of the scientists and an attempt will then be made to bring them to safety.—Reuter.

Not Certain Whether American Flag Was Being Flown

A fleet of Hong Kong junks, under charter to an American company, and carrying a cargo of petrol belonging to the Texas Oil Company, was attacked on Saturday by Japanese aircraft and severely machine-gunned off Pakhoi.

According to brief cable information received locally by the owners of the cargo, the monetary damage sustained was negligible but on one of the junks, a member of the crew was struck by the hail of bullets and killed.

Mr. H. L. Decker, of the Texas Company, told the "China Mail" this morning that the junk was one of about half a dozen which were towed to Pakhoi from Hong Kong. They had arrived at their destination and were lying off the port when the attack occurred.

"It is a miracle that greater damage was not caused," said Mr. Decker.

"Evidently the Japanese airmen are not very good marksmen. Actually the damage did not amount to more than \$10.00 and that was

sustained by a junk and not by the cargo, which was intact.

"We are still awaiting further details regarding the man who was killed. It is believed that he was a junk foki. I cannot say for certain whether or not the American flag was being flown."

MUSSOLINI LIQUIDATING SPAIN COMMITMENTS

London, To-day.

The number of Italian troops fighting for Gen. Franco in Spain has been radically reduced during past months, declares the "Evening Standard," and now the total is estimated as 20,000.

Withdrawals are still going on, the paper claims, and states that the British Government has received from Signor Mussolini assurances that he does not intend to intervene further in the Spanish war.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told the Commons yesterday that reports of further Italian troop arrivals in Spain were not true.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO'S GREAT "ILLUSION"

Tokyo, To-day.

Active and substantial support of the "provisional government" in Peiping as well as other separatist governments, in the process of development of China, was promised by the War Minister, General Sugiyama, to the parliamentary budgetary committee yesterday.

This is interpreted as meaning that certain restraint which Japan has hitherto exercised in dealing with the "Peiping Government" is now to be removed.

Establishment of military administrations in sections of China controlled by Japan, was declared by Gen. Sugiyama to be impossible since no state of war existed between Japan and China.—Trans-Ocean.

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My Hat, What Exciting Millinery!

Right in the midst of all the sparkling winter fashions comes a thrilling new collection of cruise hats. As fresh and colourful as the first breath of spring, they do as a matter of fact indicate a great deal about spring millinery.

Cruise fashions can often be used as the "first look" at spring styles anyway, and this especial group is advance high style and completely, imaginatively new.

The fabrics are Toyò straw, summer felts, some suedes and lots of sharkskin. And the colours are white, a great deal of white, either by itself or spiked with colour; pastels, often two or three combined in one hat, and a glorious new range of Guatemalan shades like tangerine, bright purple, royal blue yellow and green.

ELABORATIONS

A great many of them had belts and bags, and even halters to accompany them. Like the white sharkskin turban with huge bands of print around it, coming to a perky bow on top at the front; with it was a large, separate brim in white sharkskin bound in the print which could be attached in the sun, and also a huge matching print bag.

Another was a white sharkskin crown with a huge brim of printed silk jersey. And to match it was a printed silk jersey which could be worn with the hat over shorts, or over any white dress.

One stunning white felt had a high, bonnet like crown with narrow bows in Guatemalan colours running around the crown and tied in front. With it came a matching belt.

A white linen bonnet, very big and very lovely, was banded in bright wool to match its accompanying woollen belt. Together they'd lend flair to any resort costume.

RAFFIA-TRIMMED

Raffia trimmed a great many of these stunning hats—raffia in the brightest of colours, embroidered on the crowns or binding the brims in zig-zag lines. One particular felt sombrero in a tile shade had green raffia on its brim, and tied, either under the chin or in back (as many of the new hats do) with a wide band of grosgrain.

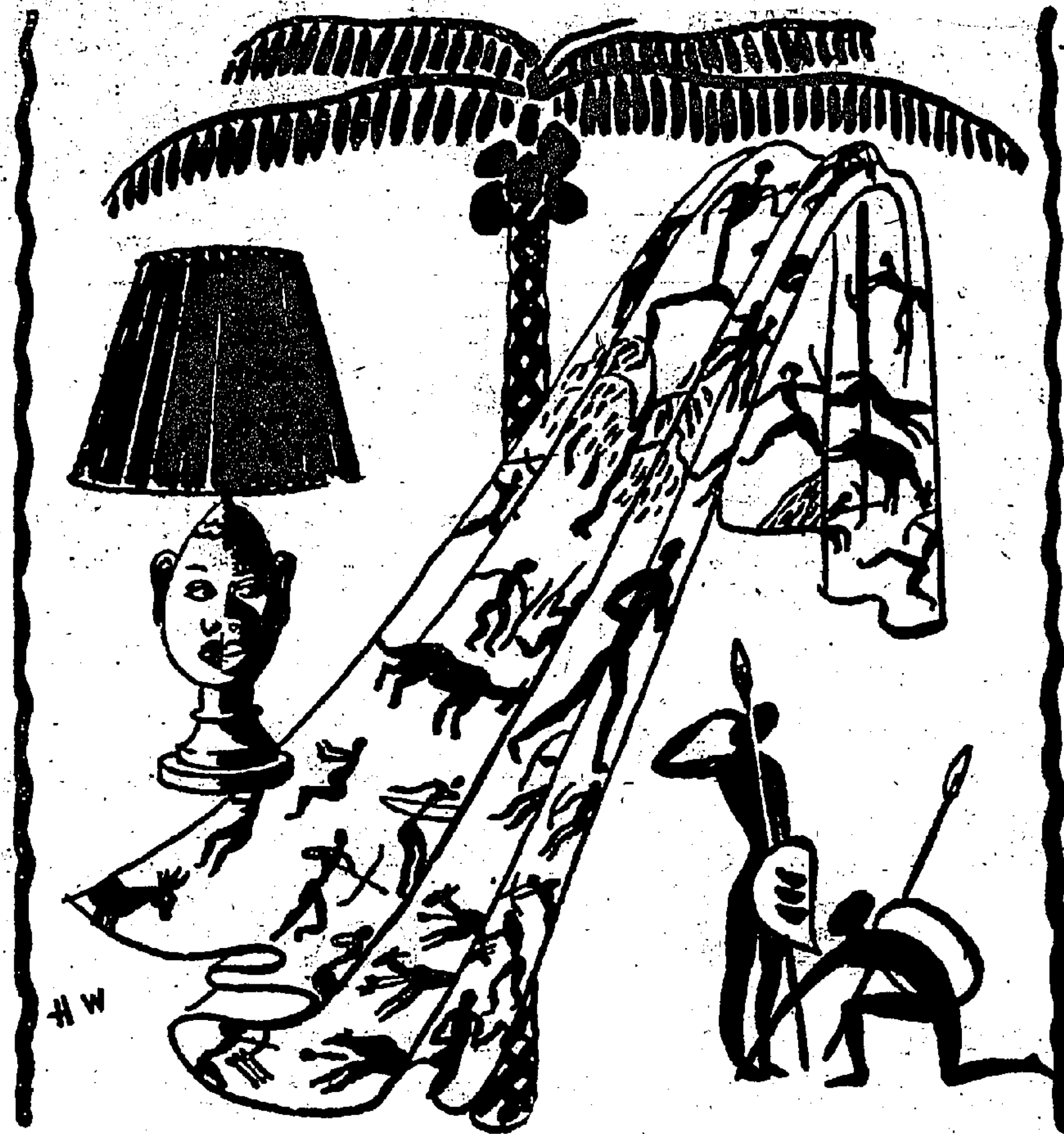
Another tile felt with a very high crown and large brim was trimmed with a wide band of crushed brown suede. A white toyò was fagotted and trimmed with silk rolls in all the high shades.

Exciting hats, everyone of them, and indicative of what we'll be choosing for spring wear.

Did you know that cold tea is an excellent fertilizer for aspidistras? Next time, instead of throwing away unfinished tea, empty it on to the plants and watch them grow! New leaves will soon begin to spring up. Be sure the tea is cold first.

"To remove the unpleasant smell from your hands after peeling onions, you should put a little dry mustard into your palms and rub it in well.

SOPHISTICATED DECOR BORROWS PRIMITIVE NOTE



These designs from Africa fit into new settings and enliven their serenity.

Now, to be really sophisticated, you have to be primitive—at least in decorations.

Crude and prehistoric designs have followed in popularity the peasant wares. Strangely enough, the ancient patterns go well with the most modern—both depend on clean lines and shapes, not cluttered up with doodads.

Perhaps modern decoration has been a little too serene. Certainly the African and Polynesian things bring welcome bizarre and vigorous touches. A Balinese fabric, an African carving or a horsehide rug can give new life to any modern room.

Humour and real beauty mark some of the primitive things. For

instance, there are the Ethiopian slave figures carved from dark mahogany, with brass nose-rings, anklets and spears. Earth-coloured pottery heads are beautiful enough for mantel ornaments or striking lamp bases.

You can have original fabrics, called tapa cloth, imported from the South Seas, or clever printed linens copying primitive designs. Very fascinating is a version of the wonderful rock-paintings made by prehistoric bushmen in Southern Rhodesia—nimble little warriors chase their enemies against a background of trees and animals. The colours are like the originals—brown, black and rust, on a natural ground.

Smartness Talks To Important Effect

A little bit of imagination and originality applied to this daily task of dressing will make life a great deal more interesting and your appearance a great deal more exciting.

If you're tired of the somewhat sophisticated glitter about formal blouses, make yourself stand out with a shirred chiffon formal blouse over a black velvet skirt. Have it made in hydrangea pink or forget-me-not blue, with full sleeves and a demure black velvet bow at the neck.

Red and green plaid gloves worn with a red and green plaid skirt, topped by a navy blue coat will create a stir, in town or out.

Leaves have a way of enlivening the fashion picture, since

'way back... Why not modernise a last year's dress with a wide belt of leather leaves in several colours? Or use gold kid leaves in a belt and shoulder straps on an otherwise simple crepe evening gown.

Colour is one of the best conquerors of chic. Try this eye-catching duet for wardrobe spicing. On a royal blue afternoon dress wear a dubonnet belt and clip and a matching dubonnet pillbox.

Or use cerise with slate blue, perhaps a cerise velvet crushed band on a slate blue hat. Or slate blue slippers cut out like a Chinaman's with shaves of cerise on top and cerise soles.

The Proud Beauty Puts Her Chin Up

There was never a proud beauty who didn't hold her head high and her shoulders back. Good posture always has been a characteristic of world-famous beauties.

Two things will help you correct your own posture—a good girdle and exercise.

A good girdle does for posture what proper shoes do for ailing feet, but the wrong girdle is worse than none at all for it is likely to accentuate the bad features of your figure.

A LIST OF SYMPTOMS

Here are the four common types of bad posture. Check up to see if you have any symptoms.

(1) Round back—Shoulders thrown forward, chest flat and contracted, abdomen prominent, head jutting forward.

(2) Hollow back—Weight of the body and head thrown too far forward.

(3) Round-hollow back—Shoulders round, head bent forward, chest flat, back hollow, abdomen relaxed.

(4) Flat back—Head and Shoulders inclined forward, abdomen relaxed, no lumbar curve (the curve in the middle of the back), weight thrown entirely on heels.

If any of these defects are marked specialised exercise is recommended. But each defect will respond to general exercising.

WHAT TO DO

Check to see that:

Knees and calves are together, but not thrown back.

Abdominal muscles are up and in.

Head is raised, neck stretched up so that you stand "as tall as possible."

Chest is up and out.

Shoulders are thrown back, but aren't taut.

Make a habit of checking those five points several times a day. You will be surprised at the improvement it will make in your posture.

WORTH NOTING

A bib of cellophane for a baby saves much laundering. Cut it long enough to cover the entire dress.

Paint put away for further use should have a coating of paraffin put over it to prevent a crust forming.

Make your piece bags of mosquito netting or a piece of lace curtain. Then when you want to find a certain piece of material, it can be seen from the outside and there is no necessity for emptying the entire contents.

When the knob comes off a lid insert a screw in the hole with the head on the under side and screw a cork onto the top. This makes a serviceable knob which doesn't get hot.

If soot falls on the carpet, don't sweep it up at once, or you will find a black patch is left behind. Instead, scatter some dry salt on the soot and then sweep with a stiff brush and there will be no trace of soot left.

Fascinating Treatment Of Prints

Brilliant Colours Cleverly Used With Plain

(By URSULA JEFFRIES)

If ever Spring brightness was transmuted into fashions, it's this season. It is almost as if the same hand that splashed the fields and gardens with flowers of every hue, had turned to fashions and painted them in the same dazzling strokes.

We've grown to expect the skirt. The back is plain, except for a rose print sash which the indescribable sweet scent of fresh growing things, the tingle in the air, and that certain something which puts a new spring into our step, but to find all of that beauty and freshness permeating the very clothes we'll wear, certainly lends additional zest.

COLOUR YOUR KEYNOTE

It was hard to realise that the weather outside was dull and chilly yesterday as I sat and watched the models at Maizee's parade all the glory of spring sunshine and flowers in the new collections they have just received. The warmth these new arrivals imparted had no part with grey skies or rain—rather they suggested sunshine amidst tropical scenery.

Colour—that's your keynote this Spring, and the more the merrier. Not only splashes of bright colours in the form of sashes, scarves and other trimmings, but bright-coloured bodices with darker skirts; flowers in multi-coloured hues in large splurges against dark grounds.

NEW TREATMENT

The prints shown by Maizee's feature an exotic treatment of brilliant colours with plain. The majority of frocks were black, that ever-present favourite, but while you are aware of it, you are not actually conscious of it. There were too many other fascinating bright colours printed on its ground to dazzle the eye, and which at once put the frock into the gay class.

All-over prints have given way to a new and clever method of treatment. These were among the most noticeable:

A large bouquet of flowers in orange, yellow and green tones, splashing the left shoulder of a brown print frock. The same tones were carried out in the streamers binding the stems, which cascaded at an angle across the whole of the front to end at the right hand corner of the hem.

Large roses in varying shades of pink and red, with touches of green and purple, covering the whole bodice front of a demure black frock. The same rose design is repeated in a panel down the front of

the skirt. The back is plain, except for a rose print sash which the indescribable sweet scent of fresh growing things, the tingle in the air, and that certain something which puts a new spring into our step, but to find all of that beauty and freshness permeating the very clothes we'll wear, certainly lends additional zest.

White daisies and pink dog roses dabbed across the front of a black frock from left shoulder to right hem, leaving the right shoulder black, except for miniature rosettes of the same flowers interspersed here and there. The frock seen from the back is highly interesting too. The skirt is divided down the middle with the all-over print design on one side, and the black ground and rosettes on the other.

DRAMATIC TOUCHES

So much for the prints—now for the frocks which combined plain colours with dramatic dressmaker touches.

One in particular caught my eye. It was a slender model in black and it's chief beauty was its simplicity and slenderising silhouette. Dramatisation was presented in the trimming of royal blue tailor-made rope, interlaced to give the impression of pockets on the left and right side of the bust, and falling down the front to form a fringe.

A second was also black and ever so pretty. It flaunted a little bolero of black net over which had been stitched white soutashe braid, forming an intricate pattern. The same braided pattern was also carried out in the wide belt.

Look-out for sharkskin for you will not only see a good deal of it this summer, but you will love the crisp and fresh feel of it. Incidentally it launders beautifully and will last several summers.

At yesterday's showing two early summer arrivals were displayed. One featured a full-length, smartly-tailored white sharkskin coat buttoned all the way down the front, worn over a printed frock carried out in a jacobean design. The coat, by the way, can be worn separately as a dress. The other was a navy and white print backless frock with halter neck, boasting a tightly-fitted white bolero with revers. Both were made of sharkskin.

It was a brilliant show, made just a little bit more enjoyable by that rice touch—tea and cakes, and among the hosts of ladies present I noticed Mrs. D. Armstrong, Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mrs. D. M. Biggar, Mrs. R. Nather, Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. J. M.



TROPICAL COLOURS

The lush verdure of a tropical garden is splashed on the challis-like fabric that fashions this youthful one-piece dress. The wide soft suede belt is in a deep green, in pleasing contrast to the white of the print background and the white accessories.

Andrew, Mrs. H. Seth, Mrs. Crapnell, Mrs. K. Lund, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne, Mrs. A. Kirby, Mrs. D. S. Middleburg, Mr. H. Donovan, Mrs. D. D. Forbes and Mrs. J. R. Callis.

The young models who added greatly to the charm of the frocks they displayed included Miss Vera Crapnell, Miss Peggy Humphreys, Mrs. J. W. Bundred and Mrs. Butler.

DECORATIVE BELTS

Make Them Yourself

Decorative and colourful belts, can be made by using a thick firm braid, similar to upholstery webbing. From a braid about three inches wide cut off the required length and decorate with wool stitchery and patterns cut from scraps of felt applied on. Designs should be bold and simple. Bunches of cherries and leaves cut from green and scarlet felt, grouped along the belt and sewn down. Feather or blanket stitch in wool along the edges.

Dutch Figures

Scattered small flowers in shades of pink and crimson grouped or sprinkled among green leaves, or a pattern of oranges or lemons look well. A delightful belt can be made with a frieze of little Dutch figures made by setting clipped bits of different coloured felt one upon the other to form skirts, aprons, shawls and other details. A row of small houses with a tree set at intervals is another good arrangement.

Those who can draw and design will have no difficulty in making patterns for themselves. Others less expert can trace a motif from a child's picture book or a flowerman's catalogue, repeating the tracery along a strip of paper until the whole design is worked out. The effect depends upon bold simple designs, gay blending of colours, and a

combination of the cut-out felt designs with ornamental stitchery done in wools or coarse embroidery threads.

To Make Up

The belts are fastened in front with three or four large hooks and eyes, laid on the outer, decorated side. The hooks should be applied with the projecting side outwards. Scraps of coloured felt are cut in circles, diamonds, or other shapes to serve as a backing for the hooks and eyes which are then worked down with bright woolen stitchery. This clasping-point of the belt can be decorated also with a few woolen tassels.



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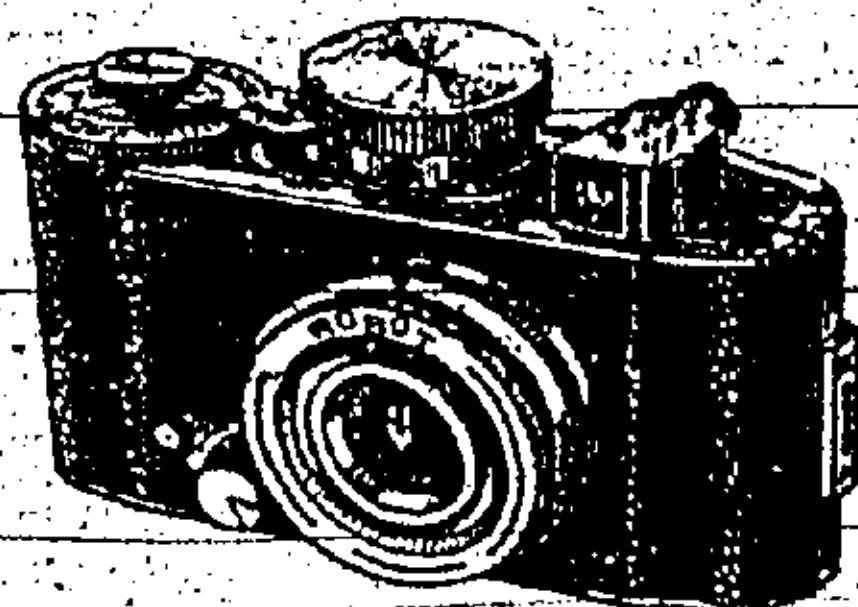
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JAPANESE ESTIMATE CHINA'S ABILITY TO RESIST FOR ONE YEAR

Tokyo, To-day.

During the discussion before the budget committee of the Diet of the financial aspect of the Sino-Japanese conflict, yesterday, a Foreign Office official, answering a question on financial resources of the Chinese Central Government, said that China's war chest at the end of January amounted to about \$600,000,000.

This sum, according to the view of Japanese economic experts, should enable the Chinese Central Government to continue to import war material at the present rate for about another year.

Basis of the Chinese war chest, the official added, had been formed in November, 1936, with silver that has been set free when China changed from silver to paper currency.

About \$830,000,000 were at that time deposited in London and New York.

MONTHLY DELIVERIES \$50,000,000

Collections of metal at the outbreak of hostilities had brought about another \$380,000,000, so that when the conflict began, the Nan-king Government has about \$1,200,000,000 at its disposal for financing the war.

Of this sum, deliveries of war material had up till now averaged monthly from August to January, \$50,000,000, making a total outlay of \$300,000,000, while a further \$300,000,000 had been used to maintain the debt service.—Trans-Ocean.

CHANGE TRICK IN CITY

A remarkable fraud took place at Messrs. Helmut Nocht, photographic dealers, of St. George's Building, yesterday when, according to a report to the Police by the manager, a man, probably an Indian or Portuguese, entered the shop and tendered a fifty dollar note in payment for two rolls of film valued at \$1.40. On receiving his change, the man asked for some of the notes to be changed. This was done several times. He finally left the shop and it was later found that the sum of \$35 had been paid in excess of the correct change.

BRITISH PUBLICITY ABROAD

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that a committee for supervising British publicity abroad had been formed.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Adviser to the Foreign Office, had been named

PASTOR NIEMOELLER SLANDER CASE

Berlin, To-day.

The trial of Pastor Niemoeller, one of the leading personalities of the German Evangelical Church, charged with having committed offences against the law concerning malicious slander and misuse of the Pulpit, began yesterday before a special court composed entirely of professional judges.

Pastor Niemoeller is being defended by three Berlin attorneys.

When the first session opened the court ruled that the public should be excluded for the entire duration of the trial, and only representatives of the Government will be admitted to the proceedings.

In view of the prospect of examination of a large number of witnesses, the trial is expected to last for two or three weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH NAVAL NOTE TO TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

The French Note on Japanese naval construction was handed to the Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday afternoon by the French Ambassador.

The Note is stated to be similar in contents to those already handed in by Britain and the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

chairman and members included representatives of the B.B.C., the British Council and the British Travel Association.—Trans-Ocean.

Britain's Patience Not Inexhaustible: Warning To Franco

London, To-day.

At the end of Commons' question-time to-day, the Foreign Secretary made a long statement on the attacks in the Mediterranean on the British ships, *Endymion* and *Alcira*, and the action which had been taken in an endeavour to secure increased security for non-Spanish ships carrying on their lawful trade on the high seas.

In view of the recent recrudescence of attacks on merchant shipping by submarines in the Western Mediterranean, Mr. Eden said that all concerned had been informed of the intentions of His Majesty's Government in the following terms:

"The two parties to the Spanish conflict are aware that the naval forces of certain Powers with special interests in the Mediterranean were authorised under an arrangement concluded at Nyon to take certain measures for the better protection of merchant ships not belonging to either of the Spanish parties in the conflict from interference on the high seas in a manner contrary to the rules above referred to.

"Recent experience has, however, shown that these measures as at present applied are not sufficient to protect merchant shipping against illegal attack. In these circumstances, His Majesty's Government are forced to the conclusion, in order to secure adequate protection for British shipping and in the interests of the safety of the shipping of other nations, it is necessary to proceed to further measures in addition to those provided for under the Nyon agreement.

SINKING INTENDED

They, therefore, desire to inform the Spanish Government and the Salamanca authorities that if, from now onwards, a submarine is detected submerged in the zone in the Western Mediterranean in which the British Fleet operates in accordance with the division of the area agreed upon between the French and Italian governments and His Majesty's Government, it will be considered as contemplating an attack on merchant shipping.

His Majesty's Government will not tolerate submarines being submerged in this area and orders have accordingly been given to His Majesty's warships that if submarine is found so submerged henceforth, it shall be attacked."

Mr. Eden added that the French and Italian Governments had been informed of the action proposed and they had agreed to take similar action in their zones. Other parties to the Nyon agreement had also been informed as had the Governments of the United States, Germany and Portugal.

The Foreign Secretary then turned to the circumstances in which the British steamship, *Alcira*, was bombed and sunk by two aeroplanes on February 4th when about twenty miles south-east of Barcelona. The ship was at the time carrying an observing officer of the Non-Intervention Board. Full reports of the incident were awaited but there was every reason to believe the attacking aircraft were in the service of General Franco.

The British Agent at Salamanca had accordingly been instructed to communicate with the Salamanca authorities in the following terms: "His Majesty's Government have in the past treated these unjustifiable attacks on British shipping with the utmost patience but their patience is not inexhaustible and they have come to the conclusion that the time has come to let it be known, once and for all, that they cannot continue to deal with these attacks solely by protests and claims for compensation which have failed to check the attacks or to secure any material satisfaction for the damages done.

NO FURTHER WARNING

It should, therefore, be made known to General Franco that His Majesty's Government reserve to themselves the right, henceforth, without any further notice to take such retaliatory action in the event of any recurrence of these attacks as may be required by and appropriate to the particular case."

Replying to a supplementary, Mr. Eden said his advice was that the steps the Government had decided upon would be sufficient to end completely these piratical attacks. He was confident it would be so, but should they be mistaken in their conclusions, the Government could not exclude any further action.

In answer to another question, Mr. Eden said that while he had no definite information as to the ports from which the pirate vessels carried on their operations, there was reason to believe that they were based on Majorca. — British Wireless.

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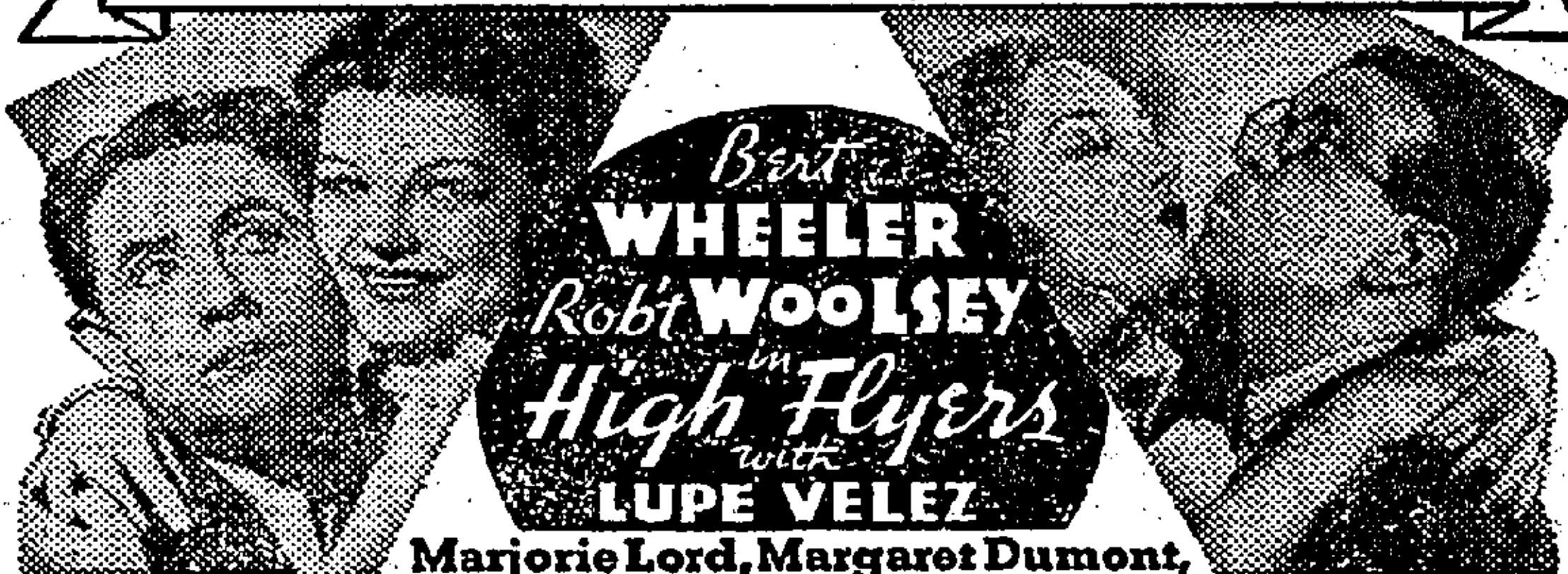
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GERMAN DIPLOMATIC GENERAL POST

Berlin, To-day.

Although no official statement is yet forthcoming concerning the appointments of new ambassadors to replace those whose retirements were announced last week, political circles believe that the Reich Minister, Dr. Franck, will be appointed to Rome;

The Ambassador in Salamanca, Herr von Stohrer to London; The former Ambassador to Vien-

C.T. WANG CALLS ON ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. C. T. Wang, yesterday conferred with President Roosevelt.

Dr. Wang, who requested the conference, declines to disclose the reasons or the matters discussed.—Reuter.

na, Herr Von Papen, to Salamanca; The Moscow Ambassador, Herr Von der Schulenburg, to Tokyo; and The Consul-General in Shanghai, Colonel Hermann Kreibitz, to Vienna.—Trans-Ocean.



Britain's new Ambassador in China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr and Lady Clark-Kerr, photographed at Karachi aerodrome on arrival by plane from Bagdad, bound for the Far East. It is expected that he will arrive in Hong Kong on February 16 or 17.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NOTES AS BACKING FOR NORTH CHINA CURRENCY?:

Peiping, To-day.

A spokesman of the "provisional government" announces that the new Federal Reserve Bank of China will open for business here and in Tientsin on March 1, with a capital of \$50,000,000 subscribed half by the "government" and half by eight participating Chinese banks here and in Tientsin.

The Bank will have advisers, presumably Japanese, who will be empowered to attend meetings of the Board of Directors.

Regulations governing the organization of the bank state that cover for the note issue must be at least 40 per cent. in gold, silver and foreign currency, and not more than 60 per cent. in Government securities and other bonds and bills guaranteed by the Government.

As it is believed that no silver and gold is available for cover, unless it is imported from Japan, it appears that the only cover procurable is bank notes of the three Central Government banks, which still circulate here at par.—Reuter.

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA

London, To-day.

The strength of British troops in the Shanghai and Tientsin areas on Jan. 1 was 137 officers and 3,539 other ranks, said Sir Victor Warrender, Financial Secretary to the War Office, when questioned in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

GEN. ROJO TO LEAVE SPANISH GOVT.?

Salamanca, To-day.

General Rojo, who covered himself with glory by planning and directing the capture of Teruel for the Government, has signed a contract with the Mexican Government to undertake immediately the organization and training of the Mexican army, according to an insurgent press report.

No confirmation is available from the Government side.—Reuter.

TSAI TING-KAI WELL AGAIN

The "China Mail" learns that General Tsai Ting-kai, former Commander of the 19th Route Army, has completely recovered from the injuries he received during a car smash in Nanking last year.

General Tsai will leave shortly for Hankow to report to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for duty.

EARTHQUAKE IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

An earthquake occurred in Tokyo shortly before midnight last night. Individual shocks were of considerable violence.—Trans-Ocean.

We have received from Mr. S. H. Langston a copy of the very attractive calendar issued by Cow and Gate Ltd., makers of the well-known Infants' Food. This is a reproduction of a portrait of the two Royal Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, and is most tasteful and artistic. The connection of Cow and Gate Milk Food with various Royal Households is of course well-known, and the grant of two Royal Warrants to the Cow and Gate Company was made in 1936.

GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE DISTRESS OF REFUGEES

Hankow, To-day.

After long consideration, the Chinese Government is reported to have decided on establishment of a "relief committee" to tackle the urgent question of providing help for China's war refugees, estimated at 100,000,000.

It was originally proposed to establish a ministry of "social economics," but the idea was subsequently dropped.

While no confirmation can officially be obtained, it is learned that Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador in Tokyo, and General Chiang Tso-pin, former Minister of interior, are the most likely candidates for the post of chairman of the new committee.—Reuter.

HOSTILITIES IN CHEKIANG

Hsuechow, To-day.

Serious hostilities are developing over extensive areas in Chekiang and Anhui with guerilla fighters assuming a principal role on the Chinese side.

According to the latest report, the Chinese guerilla fighters once recaptured Sungkiang but were later dislodged by Japanese reinforcements.

Chinese troops have definitely recovered Yuhang after a bitter engagement and with the town as base, they are again striking at Hangchow. Sanguinary fighting is also in progress around Fuyang, Wuhu and Suencheng.

A telephone message from Hotel last night stated that the Chinese forces with the support of local militia had dislodged the Japanese from the town of Tingyuen.—Hua Nan.

FURTHER BRITISH PROTESTS ON CUSTOMS INTERFERENCE

Obstacles To Functions Of Inspector-General

Discussions Still Proceeding In Shanghai

London, To-day.

Questioned about the position of Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, the Foreign Secretary stated in the House of Commons yesterday that he understood that certain obstacles were placed in his way in the exercise of his powers.

In addition to the decree modifying in North China the Chinese Maritime Customs tariff schedule, there had been some interference to Customs examination and control at the wharves in Shanghai in the Japanese controlled area, and Japanese officers had taken over certain Customs offices.

Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador in Tokyo, had been instructed to make representations to the Japanese Government on all these developments.

Discussions were proceeding regarding those harbour launches which were seized and have not been returned.—Reuter.

ATTITUDE CLEAR

London, To-day,
Replying to Sir W. H. Davison (Conservative, South Kensington) in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to maintenance of the Chinese Maritime Customs on which foreign loans are secured, the Foreign Secretary said that negotiations were proceeding in this connection in Shanghai.

The British, French and United States Government's had made their attitude clear both locally and in Tokyo.—Reuter.

IS BELGIUM TO ABANDON LEAGUE RULING?

Brussels, To-day.
Political circles here await with much interest the Foreign Minister's forthcoming statement in the Chamber on foreign policy, and especially that part dealing with Article XVI of the League Covenant, recognition of General Franco and recognition of Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

The executive committee of the Catholic Party has passed a resolution demanding normal relations with Italy and the Spanish insurgents.

The party also suggests that observers be sent to the warring parties in Spain for the purpose of humanising methods of warfare.—Trans-Ocean.

Attempt On Life Of Ogpu Chief In Moscow

Prague, To-day.

A mysterious attempt on the life of the Commissar for Home Affairs and Chief of the O.G.P.U., M. Yeshov, is reported in press despatches here from Moscow, which state that the unknown assailant fired on the Commissar as the latter was leaving the offices of the Communist Party Secretariat yesterday.

It is added that M. Yeshov immediately sought refuge in the building but the guard which was permanently on duty there failed to discover the culprit.

Suspicion, however, fell on one of the motor-cyclists who invariably accompany M. Yeshov's car and who has suddenly disappeared after leaving his motor-cycle in the yard of the building.

It was later ascertained that the officer in charge of the detachment of motor-cyclists, who was entrusted with the task of watching over Yeshov, has also disappeared.

Although numerous arrests have been made it has not yet been possible to find any trace of the missing men.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN'S CHINA EMBASSY

London, To-day.

Asked where the Government contemplated putting the permanent British Embassy, the Foreign Secretary said in the House of Commons yesterday that headquarters at present were in Shanghai.

The Chinese Government was spread over many capitals, and it was being left to the Ambassador to make the most advisable contacts.—Reuter.



Prince Nicholas of Greece, father of the Duchess of Kent, who is reported to be critically ill.

DUKE OF KENT'S FATHER-IN-LAW GRAVELY ILL

Athens, To-day.

Extreme Unction was administered yesterday to Prince Nicholas of Greece, who after being ill for some weeks, suddenly became worse last night.

His daughter, the Duchess of Kent, interrupted her holiday with the Duke in the Austrian Tyrol and is hurrying to the Prince's bedside.

The Duke of Kent is returning to London alone.—Reuter.

VATICAN HONOURS DE VALERA

London, To-day.

The Premier of Eire, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, is to be honoured by Pope Pius XI in the near future through having the Order of the Golden Spur conferred upon him, says the "Evening Standard."

The Order is the second highest of the Papal decorations, and the number of those possessing it is limited to 100.

The only other person in the British Isles to enjoy this distinction is the Marquis of Bute.—Trans-Ocean.

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THE WORLD GOES BY

We face this year with the assurance, by our leading thinkers, that prosperity is about to arrive. They have not yet decided what is bringing it, but they hope to reach agreement before the next election.

The suggestion that there will be another slump has been repudiated with indignation. The reasons given vary somewhat, and even contradict each other; but the indignation is unanimous.

There are some carping critics who say that as far as they are concerned the slump is still on. I shall not concern myself with people who are ungrateful enough to look a gift prosperity in the mouth.

Should you require expert proof of your coming good fortune, I cannot do better than refer you to the "Evening Standard." Fears of a major slump, it says, have now been allayed. British prosperity had been threatened by last year's setback in the United States. But it is not likely to spread because there are "signs of a fresh upward movement."

Now, I would call your particular attention to the reasons given by the "Standard" for this hope of American improvement. They are most important:—

"Roosevelt has promised that private enterprise must be given a chance to set the wheels spin-

ning once more. . . . The Wages and Hours Bill, which threatened to saddle industry with a crippling load of rigid costs, has been finally buried."

This, I think, makes the situation clear. There is hope for the continuation of prosperity so long as American workers do not have their wages and hours improved. And we are once more reminded of what it is that makes the wheels go round—low wages.

This is not a new theory. Indeed, it may be said, like the grand old flag, to have braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze.

We all love the old songs best, and this is one of the most popular—that the chief way to improve

trade is to keep wages down. We have not heard much of this one lately, and I had come to think that death had claimed one of my oldest friends. But I had underestimated its strength and hardihood.

This idea is immortal. Age cannot wither it, nor custom stale. Securely embedded in the concrete brains of our leading business men, impregnable fenced behind the bomb-proof skulls of our economists, nought can assail it.

It defies both time and common-sense with equal impunity. It is one of the central pillars of our economic system, and ranks with the Albert Memorial as one of the repositories of our sacred traditions.

The reason for this demand for moveable wages instead of rigid ones is so that wages can be pushed up and down smoothly and easily, according to the needs of the moment, like a trombone.

Economists believe that in any given period there is a point to which wages can be adjusted so that the cost of production is exactly right—that is so that producers

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can afford to make things and wage-earners can afford to buy them.

No one yet knows where that point is, nor how to find it. Yet all but the most atheistic believe that some day it will be found. Mathematics gave us the speed of light and the weight of the moon. Mathematics gave us the differential calculus and my brother-in-law's dog-racing system. Mathematics will give us the correct proportion of wages to costs.

It is this belief, this pious faith, which enables the worker cheerfully to drop a lump off his wages every time he gets a kick in the face from what the economists, with characteristic exactitude, call the "swing of the pendulum."

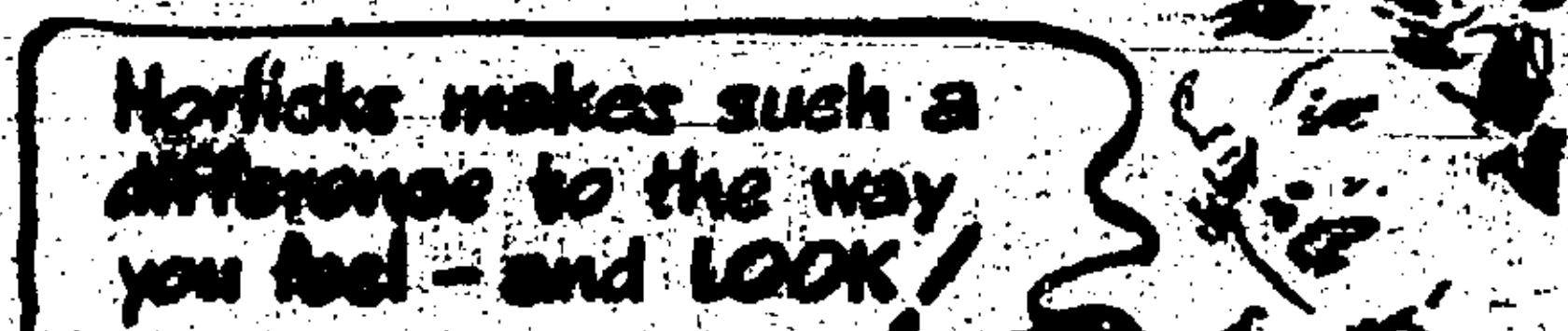
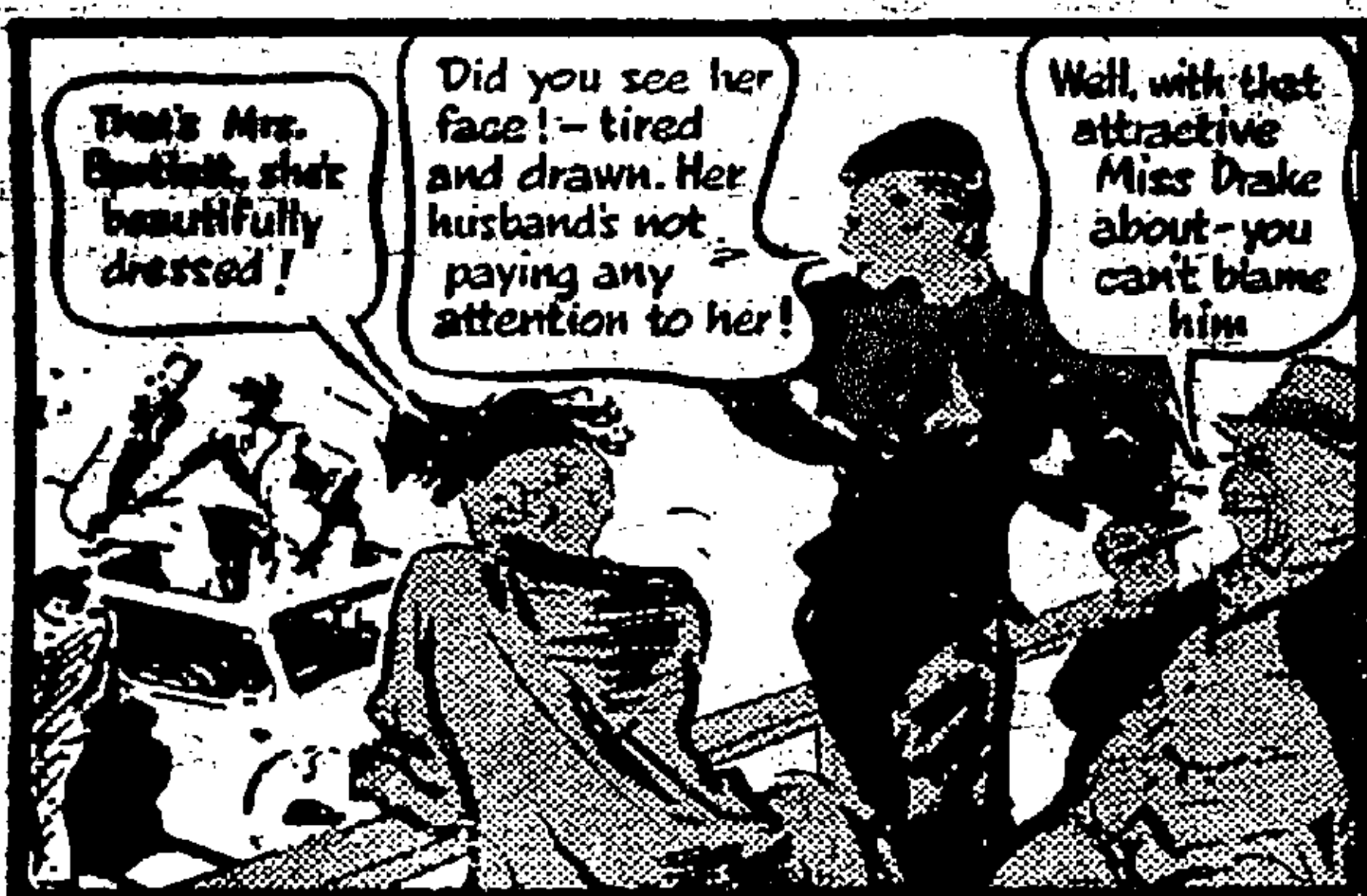
Regularly, every three or four years, he is told that if he will only make one small temporary sacrifice his industry will be established on a lasting basis of prosperity, and he puts his trust in the future.

If you ask him when he is going to get anything out of it, he replies, "Hope, like the gleaming taper's light, adorns and cheers the way. And still, as darker grows the night, emits a brighter ray." And his employer, should he be at hand, will add, "O, welcome, pure-eyed Faith, white-handed Hope!" and go on raking in the boodle.

It is true there is some difference of opinion on this matter. While the "Standard" tells us that better wages would cripple industry, Lord Beaverbrook's other voice, the "Daily Express," continues to demand more purchasing power for the masses as a necessary step to better trade.

It may be, of course, that economic laws, like divorce laws, work differently in America. Or it may be that the modest press-lord lets not his evening voice know what his morning voice sayeth.

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AIR BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

"Wholly Illegitimate Practice Of Warfare"

BRITISH GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE ON SPAIN AND CHINA

London, To-day.

Answering several questions in the House of Commons yesterday touching on air bombing of civilian populations in Spain and China, the Foreign Secretary, referring in particular to Spain, reiterated the Government's strong view in regard to the cruel sufferings thus inflicted. Mr. Eden said he expected to know the result of the initiative taken by the Government in this connection within the next two days. He assured the House that the Government regarded the question as an urgent one.

Regarding China, the British representative at the last session of the League, took the initiative in urging the advisory committee to express its views in regard to air bombing, and voted for the resolution adopted by the Assembly.

The Government had approached the combatants repeatedly.

APPEAL TO VATICAN

Mr. Eden expressed readiness to consider the suggestion of Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour, Newcastle-under-Lyme) to approach the Vatican for its condemnation.

The Government's sole desire was to put a stop to what they regarded as a wholly illegitimate practice of warfare.—Reuter.

ENDYMION SINKING INVESTIGATION

London, To-day.

The First Lord of the Admiralty told the Commons that three survivors of the Endymion had been interrogated by the naval authorities at Gibraltar. No submarine torpedo track or floating mine was seen from the bridge. The depth of the water where the explosions occurred ruled out the possibility of it being caused by a moored mine.—British Wireless.

ISAKO CIRCUS ROMANCE

Two members of the staff of Isako's Circus are shortly to be married in the Colony.

They are Mr. Abdul Hamid, assistant manager of the circus, and the 21-year-old artist Miss Edith Josephine Cottrell, who have announced their forthcoming wedding.

OBITUARY

Miami Beach (Florida), To-day.

The death has occurred here of Harvey Firestone, connected with the well-known tyre manufacturers.—Reuter.

BOMBINGS IN KWANGTUNG RENEWED

Canton, To-day.

Despite continued unfavourable weather, Japanese planes resumed their activities this morning, and the alarm sounded in Canton for the first time in two days.

No details have been received in Canton beyond the fact that a number of Japanese machines were sighted over Tongkawan, and it is generally assumed that they are engaged on routine bombing of the Canton-Hankow Railway.—Reuter.

BETTER WEATHER COMING

The Royal Observatory report indicates that improved weather conditions are to be expected.

The anti-cyclone remains over China and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest to the north of the lower Yangtse Valley.

Forecast: — N. and N.E. winds, fresh.

Memorial Services For Famous Britons

London, To-day.

Two memorial services were held in London yesterday, one for a famous British soldier and the other for a famous actor.

At St. Columbus Church, in Bond Street, a service was held in memory of Earl Haig's death.

The President and members of the British Legion were present, as well as representatives of the Royal Horse Guards, the Brigade of Guards and a large contingent of the London Scottish.

The other service was held at St. Martin's-the-Fields in memory of the hundredth birthday of Sir Henry Irving, the famous Victorian actor.

Hundreds of actors, actresses and those connected with the theatrical world, were present at the service.—Reuter.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

Jerusalem, To-day.

A young Jewish constable who had been sentenced to death by military court for firing at an Arab bus, has had his sentence commuted to one of life imprisonment by the decision of the General Officer Commanding British forces in Palestine.—Reuter.

CLOUSTON TURNS BACK

Istanbul, To-day.

It is learned that Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Victor Ricketts are giving up their attempt to fly to New Zealand and back in twelve days.

They have decided to return to England and are leaving Adana to-morrow.

The airmen are flying the same D. H. Comet which won the Australia race and broke the Cape records.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS IN THE RIVER

There is no change in the situation in the Canton River.

The boom is still in position and no shipping is permitted to pass.

It is learned that there are between eleven and fifteen Japanese warships in the Delta between Macao and Bocca Tigris and along the Chekwang region.

SHOCKS FOR INTRUDERS

Jerusalem, To-day.

The northern frontier of Palestine is to be closed to Lebanon and Syria by installation of electrically charged barbed wire.—Trans-Ocean.

THE WORLD GOES BY

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My own opinion is that, for some occult reason not yet known, high wages are good for trade in the morning and bad for it at night. After all, many things are good for you at one time of the day and bad for you at another. I need only cite the case of eggs and bacon.

There may still be some of you whose cup of joy is not yet full. You want to know if this prosperity will last.

I will not go so far as to say it will continue indefinitely. We are dealing with Prosperity, not Paradise. It appears that American stocks are low at present, and increased employment will be needed to replenish them. When this is done, work and wages will decline again, and they will doubtless be back where they were before.

But do not let that worry too much. Whatever the effect of American trade, the "Standard" particularly reminds us that our "rearmament demand, coupled with air raid precaution schemes, will be sufficient for years ahead."

The future, you will agree, glows like a radiant dawn. And, in any case, there cannot be another slump. For they have changed its name. Now they call it an Economic Recession.

This is important. Among primitive races name-changing was practised for the purpose of deceiving disease-demons, counteracting sorcery, and averting the evil eye and other calamities. I see no reason why it should not also avert such economic evils as high wages and low prices.

So, what with one thing and another, we are confident that our rulers are doing their best.



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A.F.L. PUTS OUT CHALLENGE TO C.I.O.

Miami, To-day.

The American Federation of Labour has decided to expel three Unions, including the important Mine Workers of America, as a result of their activities with the Committee of Industrial Organization.—Reuter.



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JAPAN'S HYSTERIA

The stand which, it is fore-shadowed, will be taken by the Japanese Admiralty in response to the Anglo-American demarche requesting an elucidation of Japan's naval construction plans, is certainly not calculated to ease the situation in the naval sphere. It has long been suspected that Japan has at least two ships exceeding treaty limitations on the stocks. The object of the British and American Notes is to secure an assurance that these suspicions are untrue and thus prevent unnecessary building competition. If the report is untrue, there could be no harm in saying so. On the contrary, a better atmosphere would be created all round. There seems to be nothing unreasonable in the request made, and the plain warning is given that refusal to comply must necessarily be taken as meaning that Japan in building beyond Treaty limitations. In the face of this, the Japanese Admiralty, which must be aware of the disadvantage in which it would find itself placed in competition with the resources of Britain and the United States, adopts the attitude that it will do just as it pleases, how and when it pleases and does not consider that it need give any account of its doings to anyone. The reply will be sent to establish Japan's independence of any system of limitation or control of armaments.

There is, of course, nothing surprising in the decision. It fits in with the present-day mood of Japan's militarists and might have been expected. Jingoism is a heady potion: in addition, a harrowed Japanese public has to be whipped up to emotional belief in foreign responsibility for the current straits. The trend of comment and propaganda in Japanese newspapers published in English is unmistakable.

One of the more sober and better-written journals—the "Oriental Economist"—contains plain unvarnished interpretation of the unfolding objective of the triple "anti-Comintern" pact as currently accepted in Japan.

What the "Oriental Economist" tells us, shortly, is that the anti-Comintern pact "has taken on a new significance with Italy's adhesion," and that the three Powers regard it as a little undignified to pretend any longer that the triple alliance is directed solely against so poor a thing as Moscow. It is a "moral understanding," "an imposing array" of three militant and mobilised great Powers, a "rival camp" to the League of Nations, an "aligning of the 'Have Not' nations for the common cause," which "cannot fail to be a menace to the satiated countries." With unctious the writer remarks that this development might even lead away from war to a harmonious settlement. Unfortunately Japan's undeclared war against China in the cause of peaceful co-operation and harmonious settlement, and Italian attempts to arouse a Moslem holy war against Britain, detract from such sentiments. Nor does Admiral Suetsugu, we should judge, countenance them for a moment. The comparatively moderate representations of the "Oriental Economist" editorial columns are embellished by writers in the Osaka "Mainichi" and other papers. They extol the new League against the League of Nations as something which might even recommend itself to the United States, as a non-member of the Geneva organisation. The fact that Russia is a member of the League of Nations justifies, they assert, the new orientation of the pact originally launched as "anti-Communist."

From whatever viewpoint we regard the development of this animosity the guiding lights seem clear. Britain has declared against joining either "ideological camp" in Europe. Germany's object is to turn the "anti-Comintern pact" into an anti-League alliance. Significantly the latest number of the "Round Table" gives pride of place to an article on the return of the nations to power politics, an atmosphere which denies arbitration of disputes and "leaves no remedy for grievances save in power politics or war." That Britain tries to avoid such an alignment is the best reason with the military dictatorships for forcing it on. We must face the fact that the original League of Nations Covenant is now but a museum relic. The League may be revived and revised as a focus of world unity, but it will not be the present League. As the light thus clears, we can perceive the acute dilemma in which the British Cabinet currently finds itself before a parting of the ways lying ahead. Britain does not want to see a broken Germany, a broken Italy, a broken Japan, or another world-wide conflagration in which every nation would be shattered and a prey to a civil jungle-war. Yet this division of the world into rival camps is heading more than one nation for catastrophe, with or without a general war. For by the rising hysteria in official circles Tokyo we may not unreasonably measure the desperation of her military dictators under pressure of the economic distresses of what they call "the home front."

FOREIGN PILOT AIR SQUADRON IN ACTION

Cooperate In Chinese Counter-Attack At Pengpu



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who, according to a report in a French newspaper, are expecting a happy event before long.

BOMBARDMENT OF AMOY: FORTY KILLED

Shanghai, To-day.

Britons arriving in Shanghai say that military establishments at Amoy were bombed from the air on February 3 and shelled from the sea on February 4, causing a large and hurried influx of panic stricken Chinese into the foreign settlement on Kulangsu.

During the bombing, which lasted at intervals all day, two shots from an anti-aircraft gun and desultory rifle and machine-gun fire was the only reply.

Forty Chinese were killed and many more wounded.

Two Japanese warships bombarded the forts and wireless station on February 4 but caused negligible damage.

The forts replied vigorously and the warships steamed out to sea and disappeared in the mist.

H.M.S. Duchess at present is in Amoy watching British interests.—Reuter.

PREHISTORIC CAVE IN ALPS

Vienna, To-day.

A group of Alpinists yesterday succeeded in reaching the bottom of a recently discovered prehistoric cave in the East Styrian Alps.

Work of exploring the cave took 36 hours and was handicapped by ice.

The explorers state that the cave is the second deepest hitherto discovered in the world, having a depth of nearly 1,700 feet.—Trans-Ocean.

Happy Event In Duke Of Windsor's Family

Paris, To-day.

A "happy event" in the family of the Duke of Windsor is forecast by the "Paris Soir."

The paper published the report with a description of the Chateau de la Maye, in which the Duke and Duchess took up residence yesterday following extensive alterations to the buildings.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE OFFICERS TAKE PLEDGE

Shanghai, To-day.

Certain Japanese officers were taken to task by Gen. Matsui in Nanking yesterday, and compelled to pledge themselves to observe strict discipline in future.

After telling the officers of several individual cases which had brought discredit to the Japanese army, Gen. Matsui exacted the aforementioned pledge.

The reputation of the Japanese army, he stated must be restored.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATE ON GUERRILLAS

Shanghai, To-day.

Compelled by the increasing menace of the guerillas, Japanese "mopping up" operations in occupied territory are being continued with great vigour.

In the region of Taihu Lake, the Japanese claim to have annihilated several isolated groups of Chinese troops which had been harassing the Japanese lines of communica-

BOMB JAPANESE POSITION

Hankow, To-day.

It transpires that seven Chinese planes participated in the Chinese counter-offensive in the Pengpu sector of the T.P.R. yesterday morning.

The planes were piloted by members of the so-called "Foreign Legion," the band of foreigners of various nationalities who have come to China voluntarily to help in the struggle against Japan.

While various members of the Foreign Legion had previously engaged Japanese aircraft in aerial combats, yesterday was the first time that Legionaries had attacked a Japanese position in one unit.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BIG BATTLESHIP PLAN DENIED

Tokyo, To-day.

The spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office yesterday formally denied that the Japanese Admiralty had already prepared plans for the construction of 43,000-ton battleships, as had been variously asserted by the foreign press.

The spokesman then intimated that the future Japanese attitude, with regard to the question of construction of large battleships, will depend on measures taken by Britain and the United States.

Japan, he pointed out, does not wish to threaten any nation but she also wants to be secure against aggression and her naval armament or disarmament, therefore, will be decided by corresponding considerations.

The spokesman refused to make further comments of the proposals made by the British and American Governments in their Notes of February 5.—Trans-Ocean.

tion, The Japanese have also occupied the island of Tungtingshan, in Lake Taihu, formerly the haunt of pirates.—Trans-Ocean.

PIQUANT GERMAN ENGAGEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The engagement is announced between Dorothy, youngest daughter of Field-Marshal Werner von Blomberg, former War Minister, and the son of General von Keitel, the new Chief of the Supreme Command.—Reuter.

TSINGTAO RETURNING TO NORMAL

Shanghai, To-day.

With the waterworks, electric power plant and telephone exchange again working, Tsingtao is rapidly resuming its former appearance under the Japanese occupation, according to the Japanese naval spokesman.

Chinese shops have opened in various parts of the city, while between 3,000 and 4,000 Japanese residents have returned to the port.

The newly organised Chinese police are co-operating with the Japanese naval landing party in maintaining peace and order. Japanese army units are also garrisoned in Tsingtao.—Reuter.

FUTURE OF S. M. C.

London, To-day.

The Government has in no way altered its views regarding continuance of the International Settlement in Shanghai and maintenance of the present administration, said the Foreign Secretary in a written reply in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Eden indicated the exact nature of the Japanese censorship in Shanghai over British telegrams and mails, both inward and outward.

He said that as a result of British representations, commercial firms could telegraph in code when authorised by our consular representative.—Reuter.

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RUSHDI ARAS IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.
The Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Rushdi Aras, arrived here yesterday from Budapest on his return journey from Geneva to Ankara.

It is stated that in the course of talks with the Yugo-Slav Premier, at which the Rumanian and Greek Ministers in Belgrade were also present, he discussed impressions gathered by him in Geneva, Vienna and Budapest.

Dr. Rushdi Aras subsequently told journalists that the conference of Balkan States which will open at Ankara on Feb. 15, will be one of the most important conferences hitherto held by the Balkan Entente.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY DENOUNCES ROYALIST PLOT REPORT

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially stated that the Paris newspaper, "Le Temps," has been banned all over Germany owing to its report from Basle which is described as "the most fantastic and most unbelievable lies and impudent and irresponsible poisoning opinion, representing serious damage to Franco-German relations."

GRUESOME SHANGHAI

Newspaper Editor Decapitated

Shanghai, To-day.

A man's head which had been severed from the trunk and was found hanging from a lamppost by the police on Sunday night, has since been proved to be that of the editor of the Shanghai paper "Si Chue Wan Pao."

Fastened to the head was a note signed "The Secret Society for Justice," and which stated that the victim's fate was a warning to other Chinese newspaper editors.

The paper had been suppressed by the Japanese on January 19 for refusing to submit to Japanese censorship but the editor had since negotiated with the Japanese for reappearance of the paper, whereupon a bomb was thrown into the paper's offices on January 27, while the editor was warned by telephone that if he persisted in negotiating with the Japanese he would be "executed for treason."

The editor appears, however, to have ignored the threat, which has now been carried out.—Trans-Ocean.

DISCIPLINE DEMANDED BY GEN. MATSUI

Shanghai, To-day.

Aroused by reports of continued excesses on the part of Japanese troops and the scathing comment occasioned thereby, General Matsui, Japanese commander-in-chief, addressing commanders on the wind-swept Nanking parade ground yesterday, instructed them to tighten discipline in their units in order to "enhance the prestige of the Japanese army."

This action, described as unprecedented in the annual of the Japanese army, was followed by a memorial service for Japanese officers and men killed in action.

Among the high officers addressed by Gen. Matsui was Lt.-Gen. Prince Yasuhiko Asaki, commander of the Japanese forces in the Nanking area, who is a member of the Imperial family.

Speaking at length on the determination of the Japanese forces in the face of the prospect of prolonged hostilities, Gen. Matsui called the attention of his subordinates to the necessity of putting an end to various reports affecting the prestige of the Japanese troops.—Trans-Ocean.

The report in question was what purported to be the inside story of the changes in Germany and alleged an Army plot to restore the Monarchy.—Reuter.

NANKINGITES RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES

Shanghai, To-day.

Almost 100,000 residents of Nanking have returned from the safety zone to their homes in two out of five administrative areas recently set up by the autonomous commission, according to the Japanese Embassy spokesman.

He stated that between January 16 to February 4, 10,115 households comprising 50,446 persons, returned in the first administrative district, while from January 13 to February 4, 12,796 households of 45,746 persons, reoccupied houses in the second administrative district.

Persons still left in the safety zone number approximately 150,000 some of them being unable to return having lost their dwellings.

The spokesman added that the remainder of the five administrative districts were still closed.—Reuter.

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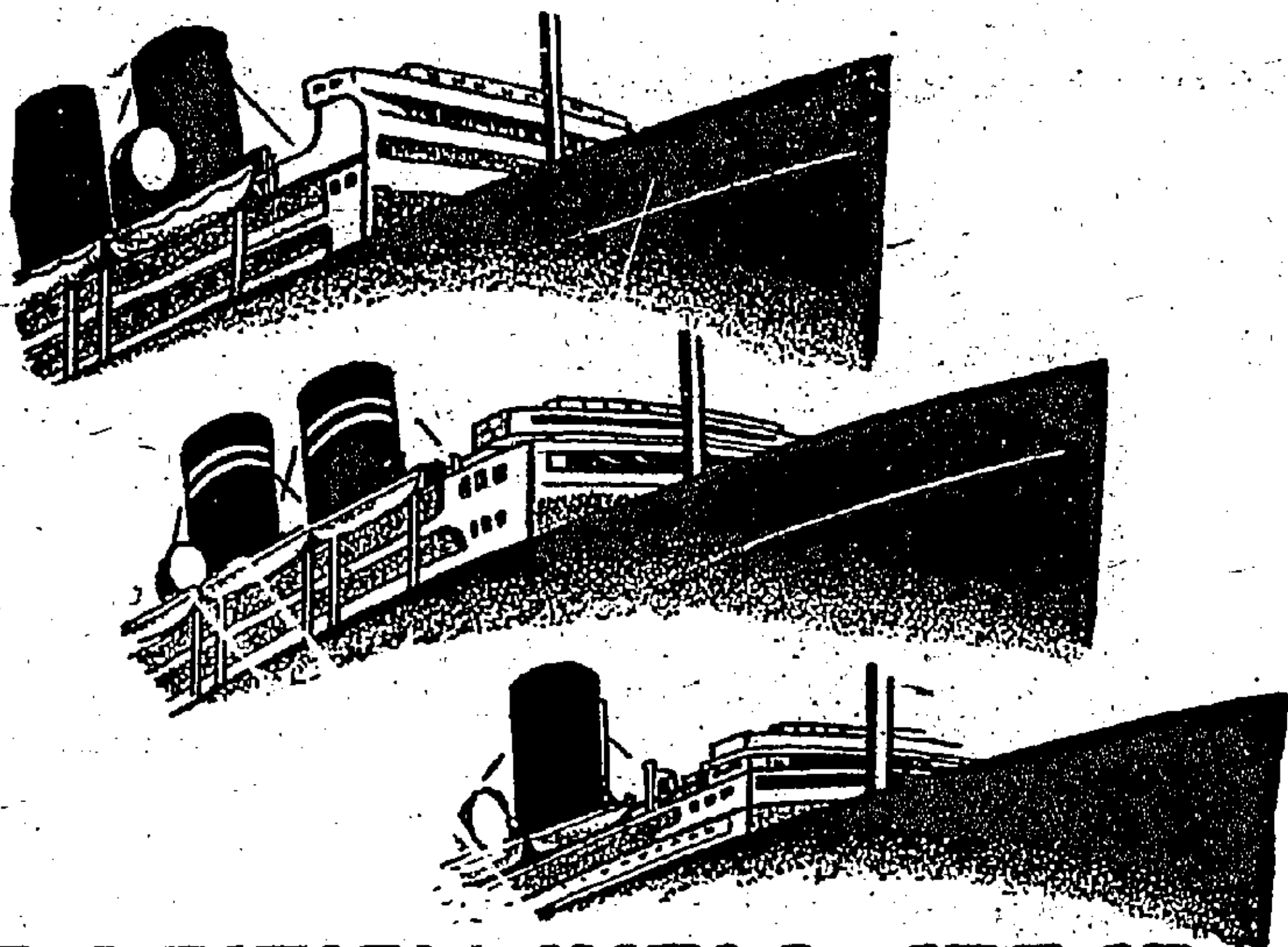
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Wednesday		
Straits	Tango Maru	Feb. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Manila	Meerkerk	Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m.
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Japan	Kumsang	Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Hangsang	Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Selstan	Feb. 9, 3 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Mumam	Feb. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Yunnan	Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs., Feb. 10.
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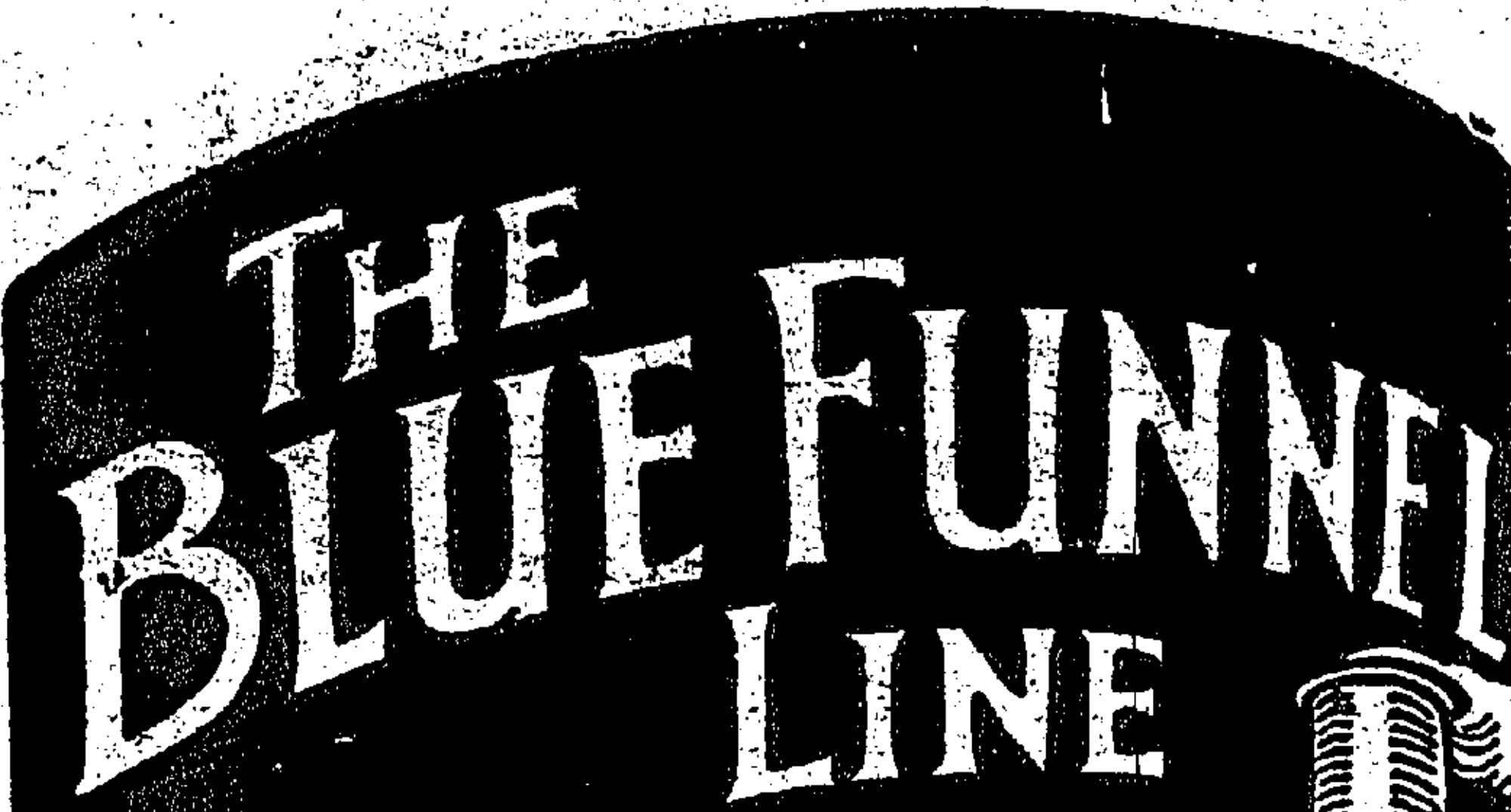
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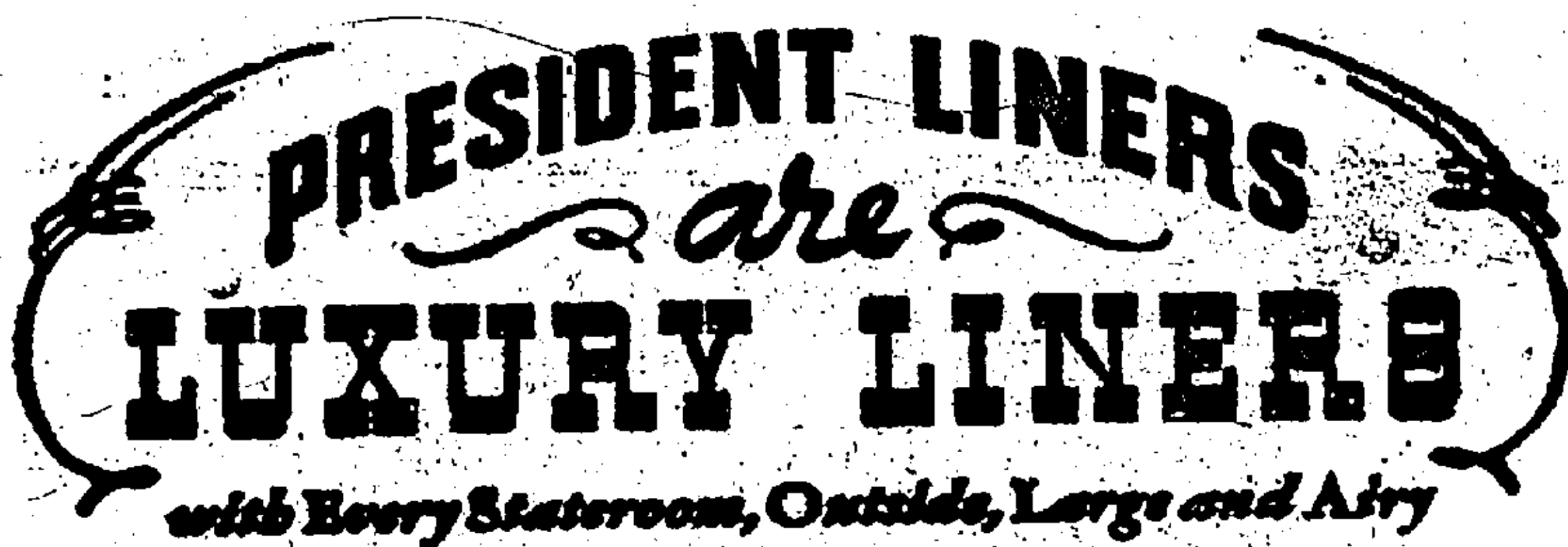
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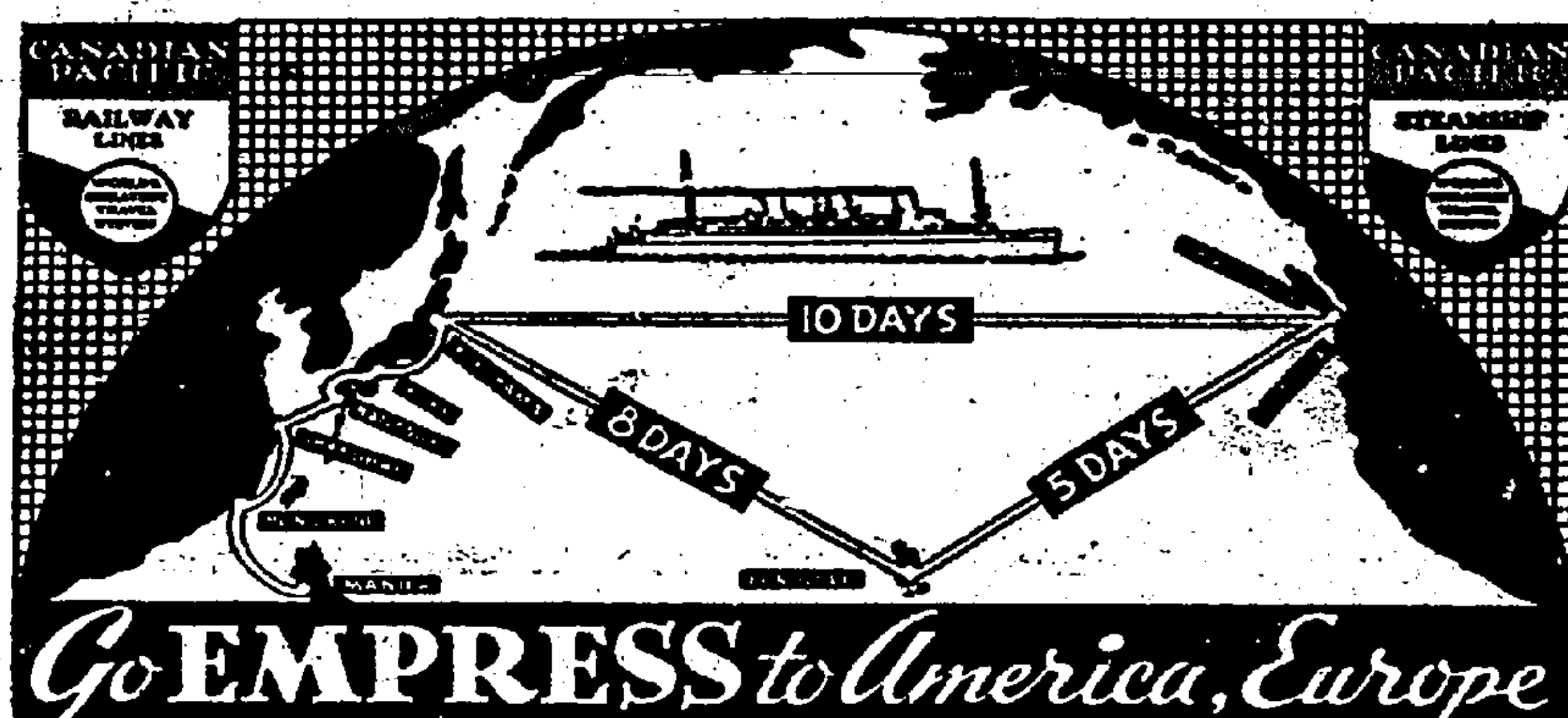
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The Octavians' founder explained: "Our purpose is to combat ungenerous treatment of the Duke of Windsor. We wish to create a friendly atmosphere for him when he returns home, and he should return whenever he desires."

A smaller Windsor society, the "Henchmen of Honour" are planning a deputation to the Duke, to make certain proposals.

Film Screened in Hotel Bar

Sitting in the lounge bar of the Coach and Horses Hotel, Hounslow, 150 men and women saw for the first time in Britain a film based on the life of the Duke of Windsor, entitled "The Life of Edward, ex-King of England, who gave up the World's Greatest Throne for the Love of an American Woman."

The film showed scenes from the Duke's youth, including the triumphant American tour, and concluded with his abdication speech. During the showing barmen walked about among the audience with trays of drinks. The dart boards, pin tables and other bars were deserted.

Report Of An American Visit

The "Daily Mail" publishes a report that the Duke of Windsor will visit the United States, probably in the spring. The Duke's recent projected visit to America to study working and housing conditions was postponed indefinitely owing to an outburst of criticism in the United States of his association with Mr. Charles Bedaux, an American industrialist, and the Nazi leaders on his previous visit to Germany.

According to the "Daily Mail," it is expected that the Duke will make a broadcast speech in the United States and it is understood arrangements will be made by the British Broadcasting Corporation for a relay to Britain. A relay to the Dominion, it says, also is planned.

TOOK GIRL TO MACAO: SURNAME AND MARRIAGE

A lenient view was taken by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case in which Mak Chik-yung pleaded guilty to harbouring a girl Mak King-fook, aged 17.

Sub-Inspector Darkin said that the girl had had some trouble at home and had told her aunt, who was living on in the same floor as the defendant, that she intended leaving home. The aunt, though she later denied it, arranged for defendant to take the girl away and the couple went to Macau, where they lived together in a hotel.

They were brought down by the Police when a report was made in Hong Kong that she was missing.

The defendant and the girl were both sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, where it appeared that most of the trouble was with the girl's parents. He said he was willing to marry the girl, but could not as they were of the same surname.

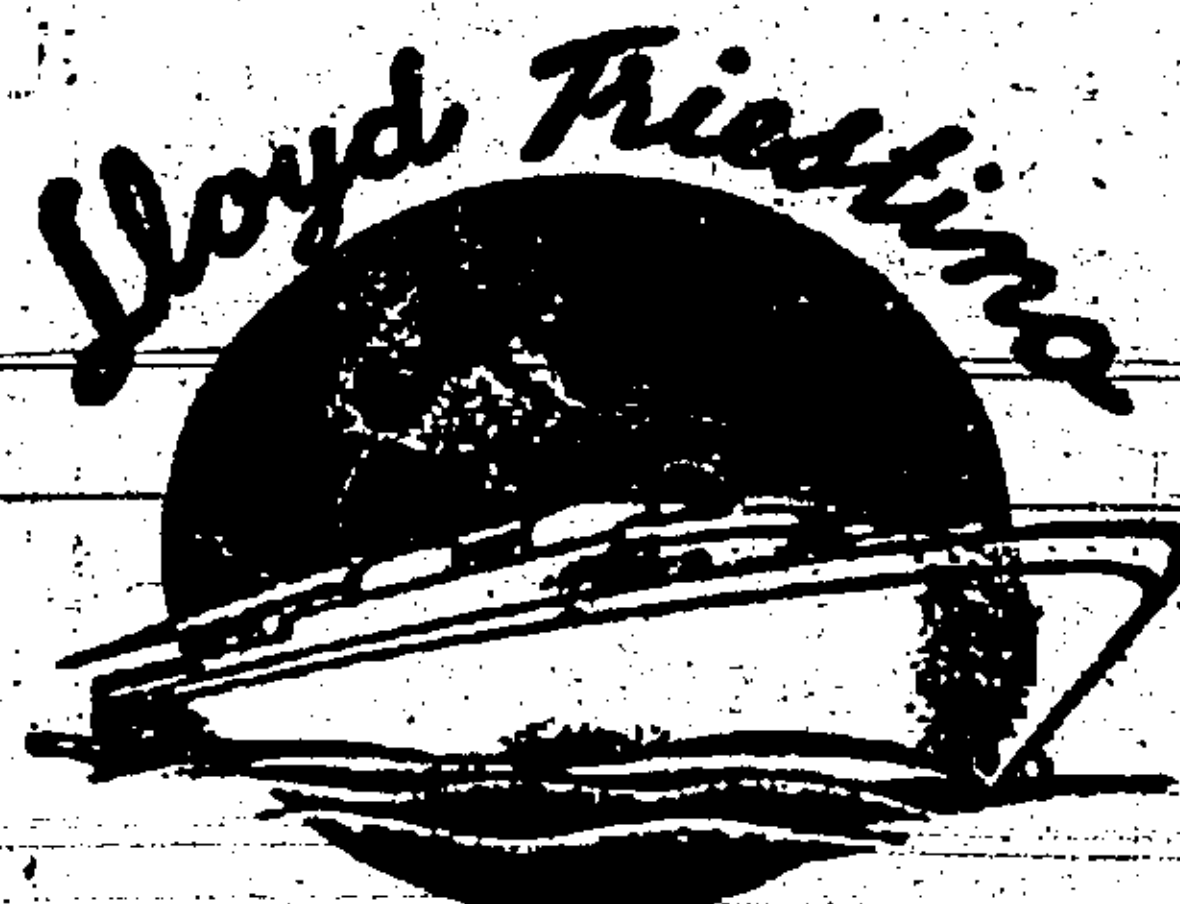
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs had instructed Sub-Inspector Darkin to ask that a lenient view be taken of the case.

When told that the custom forbidding intermarriage between families of the same surname was now dying out, defendant still said he could not marry the girl. He was bound over for one year on a bond of \$100.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISING IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
The Ministry of Labour estimates that at 17th January, the insured persons in employment in Great Britain, exclusive of persons within the agricultural scheme, numbered approximately 11,309,000. This was 128,000 less than in December but on a comparable basis about 87,000 more than a year ago. At the same time, the registered unemployed totalled 1,817,607, comprising 1,418,695 wholly unemployed, 345,134 temporarily laid off, and 63,778 normally in casual employment. This was 162,200 more than in December and on a comparable basis 195,000 more than a year ago. — British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-5/16 and forward at 19-15/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0117 and the New York on London rate £—U.S.\$5.01¼.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 23-½ b. Up ¼.
April/June 23-½ b. Up ¼.
July/September 23-¾ b. Up ¼.
Market: Dull.

LEN MA HANG MINE

During the month of January 3,448 tons of ore-treated, producing 387.6 dry short tons of Lead Concentrates, averaging 69.25% Lead, 1.90% Copper, 17.27 oz. Silver, and .02 oz. Gold per short ton.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1460 cur. div. b.
Bank of East Asia \$82 b.
INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$498 b., \$502 s.
China Underwriters \$140 b.
SHIPPING
Douglases \$57½ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS.
ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$117 b., \$118½ s.
H. K. and W. Docks \$28½ b., \$28½ s.
Providents (Old) \$2.55 b., \$2½ s.
Providents (New) \$50 cts. b.

MINING
Antamoks Ps. .61 sa.
Atoks Ps. .29 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .24 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .62 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .011 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .43 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .68 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .28 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .72 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .20 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .52 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and Hotels \$5.80 b., \$5.80 sa.
Shanghai Lands Sh \$6½ sa.
H. K. Realities \$4¼ b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$14.85 b., \$15.10 s., \$14.70 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$8½ b.

Peak Trams (New) \$3½ s.
China Lights (Old) \$10.80 b., \$10.80 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$55½ b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$13½ b.

STORES, & C.
Dairy Farms \$25.10 b., \$25¼ s.

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Constructions \$1½ b.

Maramans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 4/3 b.

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STRIKING SHOTS

COLONY HOCKEY TRIALS SHOULD BE HELD SOON

C.B.A. GAVE MACAO SEVERE FRIGHT

(By "STICKS")

THE most important item in the local hockey world during the past week was the meeting of the Council last Thursday, and the news that Macao had at last accepted our invitation to visit the Colony. This news was welcomed in all hockey circles, but there is more to come, the subject of which I am not at liberty to disclose just yet.

Due to the fact that Combined Manoeuvres commence on March 19 and terminate on March 26, these two week-ends were ruled out by the local Association as possible dates for the Interport match. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, which will be revealed at a later date, the Council decided to hold the Interport between the second and third week in April and have notified Macao to that effect.

Now that we know the approximate date of the Interport match it is up to the Colony selectors to get going and hold trials.

The selection of Probable and Possible teams should not prove a very difficult task in view of the many representative games held within the last two months and including the Inter-Section Tournament.

The Central British Association had a very successful visit to Macao over the week-end when they held the Macao Hockey Club to a 1-1 draw after enjoying the majority of the exchanges. I understand V. Bond, at left-back, and Norman Whitley, at centre-half, were outstanding, while George Fowler, in the centre-forward position, gave Alex Airosa a trying time.

The only disappointing features of the game were the drizzle which fell throughout and the Umpiring of the home official, who, although strictly impartial, was very poor and allowed too much to go by unnoticed.

David Blake gave Angelo, the Macao left-winger, a "grilling" throughout the encounter and the latter was rarely, if ever, dangerous, while Ernie Fowler had as much success on the other wing.

The C.B.A. forwards matched their opposing attack in speed and combination and were very unlucky not to have left the field winners instead of only sharing the spoils. I understand from several of them that the Colony need fear nothing from the Portuguese Island in the forthcoming Interport match.

The news is disappointing, as Macao have invariably served up a fine standard of hockey and any deterioration is to be deplored. It is, however, true that they have not had the competition this year as compared with previous seasons.

I understand that the International Committee, which is comprised of those members of the Council selected to represent the various nations, will go into the matter of qualification at an early date and the outcome should be most interesting.

I have been asked by the various members of the International Committee to invite players of all nationalities to send in their names to the persons concerned as follows: England (Mr. D. T. Smith, care of the American Express Co.); Scotland (Mr. R. Henderson,



care of the European Y.M.C.A.); Ireland (Sergt. Wall, care of the Police Training School); India (Lieut. Pritam Nath, care of the Rajputana Rifles Camp, Chatham Road); Portugal (Mr. C. M. S. Alves, care of Club de Recreio); China (Mr. Samuel Ling, care of the Hong Kong University); Wales (L/Cpl. A. G. Cox, care of the Royal Corps of Signals, Whitfield Barracks, or the European Y.M.C.A.).

I was informed by Mr. G. Sommer, the German representative that there is no chance of Germany entering a team as they have not enough players.

As the International Tournament will not be held until sometime in April there is ample time within which to hold trials, preferably on week-days so as not to clash with any dates on week-ends on which Colony trials are likely to be held.

THE CLUB HAVE A NEWCOMER IN THEIR INTERMEDIATE LINE TO MEET THE HONG KONG SINGAPORE BRIGADE, ROYAL ARTILLERY, TO-MORROW ON THE MARINE GROUND. NORMAN WHITLEY WILL MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE (PROPER) FOR THEM SINCE HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE, AT LEFT-HALF, IN THE BERTH USUALLY FILLED BY JOHN POTTER, AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW HE FARES AFTER PLAYING CENTRE-HALF FOR THE CENTRAL BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The "Y" Ladies have practically won the Caer Clark Cup trophy for the 1937-38 season and to date have remained unbeaten, although they still have two matches to play, against St. Andrew's Ladies and once more against the C.B.A. Ladies.

Last Saturday they beat the C.B.A. by 3 goals to 1 without their best forward line, Mrs. Gardner being an absentee, but Mrs. Williams, a Shanghai Interport forward, performed very soundly as deputy.

The latter is by no means a fast forward, although she combines very effectively. The Hong Kong Ladies look certain for the runners-up berth and have so far lost only two games in five against 3 by St. Andrew's.

The H. K. Ladies, it will be recalled, were hard hit by departures from the Colony and the inability of several players to participate during the week-ends.



Miss Grace Swan (left) and Miss Mary Smalley (right), two members of the H.K. Ladies' Hockey Club caught by our staff photographer as they were leaving the hockey field during a recent friendly encounter. ("Mail" photo).

I. CORINTHIAN FOOTBALL TRIAL REVIEWED

"UBIQUE" SELECTS HIS TEAM TO REPRESENT THE COLONY

(By "UBIQUE")

THE trial soccer game last Sunday in order to select a team to represent Hong Kong against the Islington Corinthians, did not aid the selectors to any extent, except to prove beyond any doubt that the majority of the team will probably be chosen from South China.

There was hardly any player in the Association team who was worth considering on Sunday's play. Much was expected of Saw, but he failed miserably and for the greater part of the first half totally starved Hau Ching-to, at outside-left.

Calvert was not the success anticipated, at centre-forward, and apart from an occasional shot at goal, was never in the picture.

Bright, at centre-half, did not reveal his best form and was continually outwitted by the scheming of Fung King-cheong and Chan Tak-fai, while Williamson in the right-half, position, did not have too happy an afternoon against Wong Mei-shun and Cheong Moon-wing.

BEST ON VIEW

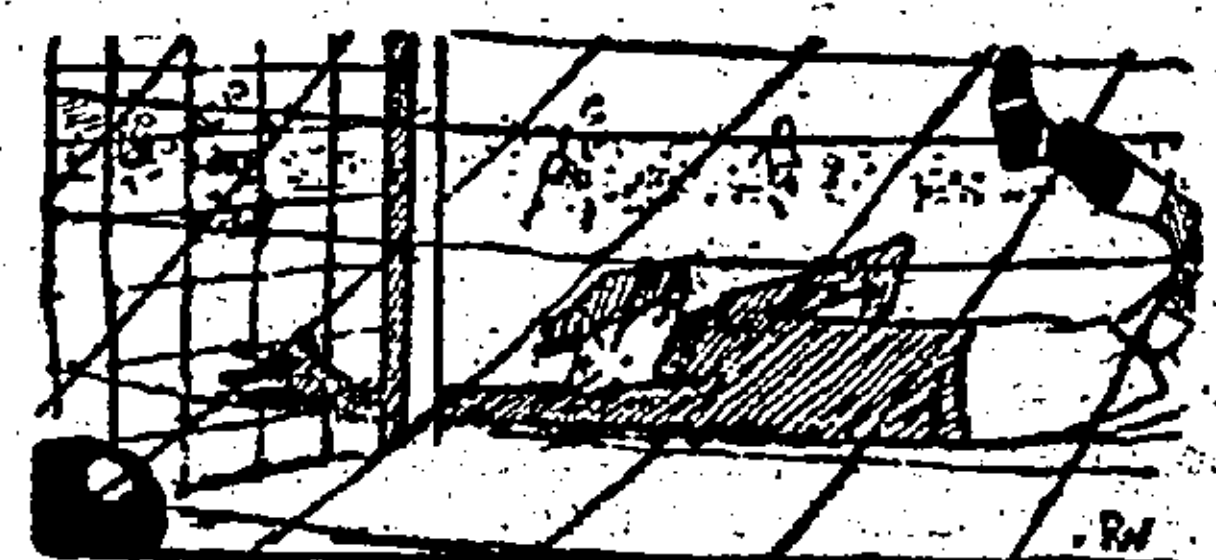
A player who justly laid claims to inclusion in the Association side was Chan Tak-fai.

The latter has not scored many goals this season, but has provided his colleagues with an ample number of openings. On Sunday, however, he was the live wire of the attack and one that needed constant watching. His two goals were very good efforts indeed, and if Fung King-cheong is to play at inside-right, there is no other player more qualified to fill the centre forward position than Chan Tak-fai.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN

Lam Tak-po, in the pivotal position, will also merit consideration when the final selection is made, and his display was far above that of Bright's in many respects, while his understanding with Leung Wing-chui at right-half, was very good.

It is a pity that Gough, of the Police, was not given a chance in that game as I felt sure he would have justified his inclusion that



day, and judging on his display for the Police team against South China "A" a fortnight ago, might have earned a place in the Association team. If there are is another trial this player should certainly be given a trial.

MY TEAM

Of the 30 odd players seen on view last Sunday and taking their performances into consideration the following should be the Association's team.

- G.—Tam Kwong-kon (South China "B")
- L.B.—Mak Shui-hon (South China "A")
- R.B.—Lee Ting-sang (South China "A")
- R.H.—Leung Wing-chui (South China "A")
- C.H.—Lam Tak-po (South China "B")
- L.H.—Evans (Kowloon) or if away Leung In-chan.
- R.W.—Yeung Shui-yick (South China "B")
- I.R.—Fung King-cheong (South China "A")
- C.F.—Chan Tak-fai (South China "B")
- I.L.—Howlett (Police)
- O.L.—Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

RECREIO "A" BEATEN BY CHINESE "Y"

TWO "Y" COMBINATIONS WIN ALL THREE ENCOUNTERS

LEAGUE IS NOW IN INTERESTING POSITION

ONE of the biggest upsets of the current badminton season took place at Bridges Street last night when the Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Recreio "A" by the convincing score of 6 games to 3.

EVIDENTLY UNDULY UPSET BY THE STRANGE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BADMINTON IS PLAYED AT THE CHINESE "Y", THE BRILLIANT RECREIO PLAYERS WENT DOWN BADLY TO THE ONSLAUGHT OF TWO PAIRS FOR THE OPPOSITION AND AGAINST THEM THEY DID NOT WIN A SINGLE GAME.

MR. McKELVIE LODGES STRONG PROTEST

Too Many Cup Competitions

Protesting vigorously that there were too many cup competitions, Mr. J. McKelvie, of the Kowloon Football Club, declared at a meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council yesterday that League football was seriously interfered with.

While endorsing the remarks, the Chairman, Mr. Pryde, pointed out that the Association had accepted the cups and that nothing could be done at present.

It was decided to entertain the Islington Corinthians with a dinner, and a sub-committee, comprising Messrs. J. McKelvie, G. Warren and C. Guingam, was elected to make arrangements.

REFEREEING COMPLAINT

A letter from the Middlesex Regiment Football Committee complaining of the refereeing in the Regiment's match against Eastern on February 5 was passed on to the Referees Sub-Committee.

A protest from the 5th Brigade, Royal Artillery against the non-appearance of an R.E. team on February 1 was read. It stated that this was the second time the R.E. had failed to appear. The Chairman remarked that the Artillery had been unlucky enough to have this happen four times to them. It was decided to refer the matter to the League Management Committee.

MARGOT LUMB CREATES NEW SQUASH RECORD

Fourth Successive Women's Title

London, To-day.

Miss Margot Lumb, the famous woman squash player and British Wightman Cup star, established a new record in winning the Women's Squash Rackets Championship for the fourth year in succession.

Yesterday she beat Miss I. H.

P. H. Wong, holder of both the singles and the doubles titles of the Colony and acknowledged to be the finest player in the League, in partnership with S. Y. Hon, won all his games in the easiest possible manner, while F. Koh and P. Au were also successful in all their encounters.

The only successes registered by the visitors were scored at the expense of the Y.M.C.A.'s third string, H. Koh and A. Chong, who failed to reach double-figures against any of the Recreio combinations.

It will be recalled that in their first meeting at King's Park, Recreio proved much too good and only dropped two games.

INTERESTING POSITION

An interesting position has now been reached. Recreio have lost away to both the Chinese "Y" and the University, Chinese "Y" have lost away to Recreio, while University have lost away to Chinese "Y".

Having regard to the great advantage of playing at home, illustrated by the above results, it is quite on the cards that Recreio will beat University when they play them at King's Park, while a University victory over Chinese "Y" is also fairly certain.

There is therefore a strong possibility that the completion of the fixtures may find all three teams with identical records with the prospect of a three-cornered play-off to decide the championship.

RECREIO "A" DEFEATED BY CHINESE "Y"

P. H. Wong and S. Y. Hon (Chinese "Y")
beat M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 21-12
beat H. A. Oliveira and H. A. Barros 21-14
beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 21-14

F. Koh and P. Au (Chinese "Y")
beat Oliveira and Remedios 21-16
beat Oliveira and Barros 21-10
beat Carvalho and Silva 21-18

H. Koh and A. Chong (Chinese "Y")
lost to Oliveira and Remedios 9-21
lost to Oliveira and Barros 8-21
lost to Carvalho and Silva 7-21

McKechnie 9-3, 9-2, 9-1, in the final. The only player to have won the title three years in succession was Miss Susan Noel, who is also a well-known Wightman Cup tennis player.—*Reuter*.



Miss B. Pope, the H. K. Ladies' centre-half, (left) and Miss E. M. Gray, their right-back (right), in a jovial mood during the interval of a recent friendly game. ("Mail" photo).

BENNY LYNCH MAKES PLANS FOR 1938

SANGCHILI MAY BE HIS NEXT OPPONENT

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, January 4.

Benny Lynch, our world's flyweight champion, is now busy on plans for a number of fights during the first part of 1938. The probability is that none of these will take place in London, for his popularity in the North and in Scotland is such that London promoters are being beaten in their bids for his services.

Lynch's first fight will probably be against Baltasar Sangchili, the Spaniard who holds the European bantamweight championship, in Glasgow, on February 15. Sangchili held the world's title for a year until July, 1936.

ST. ANDREW'S TROUNCED AT HOME BY KING'S COLLEGE

Kew And Bliss Win One Set

Playing in the "A" Division of the Men's Badminton League last night at home, St. Andrew's Club were beaten by King's College by 8 games to 1:

F. V. Wong and M. Weill (St. Andrew's)
lost to S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung 7-21
lost to H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui 15-21
lost to Pau and K. H. Lo 11-21
L. E. Kirby and F. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's)
lost to Chan and Chung 5-21
lost to Woo and Lui 7-21
lost to Pau and Lo 3-21
H. Kew and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's)
lost to Chan and Chung 17-21
lost to Woo and Lui 2-21
beat Pau and Lo 21-13

YESTERDAY'S RUGBY RESULTS

London, To-day.

Two friendly Rugby matches were held yesterday, Cardiff trouncing Northampton by 16 points to 6 in an away match, while Newport beat Devonport Services by 28 points to nil.—*Reuter*.

His next fight will be at Liverpool in March, on the night preceding the Grand National, and the promoter, Mr. Johnny Best, is still awaiting the decision of Peter Kane, who has been offered the chance of a return fight with Lynch.

Kane was knocked out by Lynch when the latter defended his flyweight title, but it is now proposed that they should meet as bantamweights.

AFTER KING'S TITLE

During the summer, Lynch intends to seek a fight with Johnny King, present British bantamweight champion, for that title. That would be an open-air fight, in either Manchester or Glasgow.

Lynch also intends to have a third fight with Jim Warnock, the Irish flyweight champion, in Warnock's own city, Belfast. Warnock has twice outpointed Lynch in non-title fights, and Lynch wants to wipe out those defeats by the Irish left-hander.

FAMINE PRICES

Ben Foord leaves for Germany tomorrow to complete his training for his fight with Max Schmeling at Hamburg on Jan. 30. Elaborate arrangements have been made for Foord's training, and the fight has received enormous publicity in Germany.

Seats are being sold at famine prices, some being as much as £9 apiece. On form, Foord stands no chance whatever against the ex-world's champion.

WATSONIANS DEFEATED BY WOOLLER

MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY

(By ROWE HARDING)

Cardiff 12 pts. Watsonians 3
London, December 29.

Cardiff—or, rather, Wooller with a little assistance from his colleagues—beat the Watsonians at Cardiff by a penalty goal and three tries to a try.

Wooller scored all the points for Cardiff, and seemed to be the only player on the field capable of raising a real gallop. This is no disparagement of the others, most of whom were playing their second or third game in three days. Wooller had not played for a fortnight, as he had been resting an injured thigh muscle.

His scoring feats would suggest that he had quite recovered from his injury, but I noticed that he pulled up lame after his last try, and the chances are that he will not turn out in the final trial on Saturday. In fact, I think he will be very unwise if he does.

The game for the most part was a good-natured scramble, punctuated by occasional stoppages caused usually by shortage of wind. A more serious accident occurred at the very end of the game when two Watsonians, who could not be identified in the mist, came into violent collision and had to be assisted from the field.

STRONG SCOTTISH PACK

The tourists can be well pleased with their performance against the strongest Welsh club side. They failed to stop Wooller once he got into full stride, but they kept the other Cardiff backs in check very successfully and the forwards bothered Cardiff considerably with their cross-dribbling and their backing-up of passing movements in the loose.

One particularly good movement, in which several forwards took part, carried play from half-way to the Cardiff line and would have ended in a score if the last forward to receive the ball had passed out to Dryden.

LOST SOME DASH

Hunter, stocky, sturdy, resourceful and quite fast, was the best of the Watsonian backs. Dryden



DONALD BUDGE APOLOGISES

For Poor Form Against Von Cramm

Sydney, December 29.

Donald Budge to-night issued an apology for not taking the match against Von Cramm as seriously as the occasion demanded. He has offered to make amends by playing a match against Jack Crawford, which is fixed for to-morrow. He has promised to play to the best of his ability in all remaining games in Australia.

Von Cramm, broadcasting to-night, described Jack Crawford as the greatest stylist lawn tennis has produced and as the perfect model for youngsters. Because of his skill and perfect court manner Crawford is always welcomed throughout Europe, said Von Cramm.

The critics agree after to-day's doubles that A. K. Quist and J. Bromwich, who beat, in the international contest, Von Cramm and H. Henkel, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6, are unquestionably the best doubles pair for the Davis Cup in 1938.

WYATT INJURED AGAIN

Buenos Aires, December 24.—R. E. S. Wyatt, former England cricket captain, has a strained knee tendon, and had to retire in the match between Sir Theodore Brinckman's team and Northern Suburbs, which began here yesterday.

Wyatt must be one of the unluckiest of touring cricketers. He fractured his jaw in the West Indies in 1934-35, and broke his left arm when touring Australia with G. O. Allen's team—an injury which kept him out of the team for half the tour.

seems to have lost some of the dash he showed last year, due, no doubt, to the fact that he has only just recovered from a serious injury. However, he ran very well to score his side's only try late in the game.

Wooller scored his first try in the first half with a cut-through and a devastating burst of speed that left the opposition far behind. In the second half he kicked a penalty goal and scored two more tries in exactly the same way as the first.

WOMEN GOLFERS WELCOME THIS YEAR'S NEW COMPETITION

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ADVICE TO DISTRICT FINALISTS

(By "ELEANOR HELME")

LONDON, DECEMBER 21.

THE PREDILECTION OF WOMEN GOLFERS FOR SCORE PLAY IS PROVERBIAL. ACCORDING TO THE POINT OF VIEW, IT IS A VIRTUE OR A VICE. WHICH IT MAY BE, NEED NOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS MOMENT; WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THE PASSION PERSISTS.

So the recent announcement of the gigantic tournament for women golfers to be organised by "The Daily Telegraph" and "Morning Post" next spring and summer has brought the delight of anticipation to thousands of players. Thousands is a sober estimate, since every club in England and Wales affiliated to the Ladies' Golf Union can hold a competition for all its members with handicaps of whatever size.

If it goes without saying that no competition for women golfers on so large a scale has ever been held before, equally it must be allowed that size need be no criterion either of merit or popularity. Those qualities rest respectively with the clubs and the players.

SIMPLE CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The conditions of play are simple—only the Royal and Ancient rules for score play, and the local rules of the club, concerned. If a word of advice might be given to the smaller clubs, where members are less used to competition play, it would be that heartburnings and disappointments will be avoided if the more important of those rules are brought to the attention of players before they start.

A glaring notice, for example, reminding competitors that they may not practice on any green or play at any hole within reach before starting their round, will save one common cause of disqualification of the ignorant.

CLEAR STATEMENT

A clear statement whether balls may be wiped or not on the green, or of the rescinding of and temporary local rule such as permitting a player to tee up on certain fairways under reconstruction—these are the sort of details to which a thoughtful club committee gives attention on the eve of a competition where not only the prize of the moment is involved, but qualification to play in wider fields.

Nor will a careful greenkeeper omit to see that L.G.U. tee boxes and L.G.U. dics tally on the all important day, so that no question can subsequently arise over the exact spot from which any winner did or did not play.

Forethought in these matters, with adequate and explicit statements on the notice board beforehand, saves so much worry later.

QUALIFICATIONS

If clubs will naturally be anxious to see their players going far through each stage of the competition, what of the players themselves? There is, of course, no restriction beyond the playing handicap limit of 30. Plus players or 36-handicap ones can alike enter. But since all awards are under handicap in two divisions, it is natural to suppose that a great number of players who do not habitually compete in big

open events outside their own club will figure in the District Finals. To such, as to the smaller clubs, may a word of advice be permitted, since score play on strange courses is apt to be a slightly disconcerting experience?

CONCENTRATE!

The first word, and it may well be the last too, is concentrate. Expunge from mind the exciting notion that success in this club competition will mean a place in the district final, with, possibly, the right to go to Wentworth in July.

Fix mind, as well as eye, on the ball to be hit and the shot to be played, for the old adage is in no connection truer than when translated into golf: take care of the shots, and the round will take care of itself.

If a bad hole seems disastrous, forget it; one eight is no more fatal than three sixes, probably less so, since it betokens only one mad minute of mistakes, not a morning of general ineptitude.

RELAX MUSCLES

Relax your muscles, brace your mind. Take the club which will reach the far side of the green rather than the nearest, because in the anxiety of competition play you are unlikely to hit your very best shot, and, therefore, need a margin for safety.

Make desperate efforts to put the short approaches somewhere near the hole, as you would at the 19th hole in a match, rather than anywhere on the green in fashion all too common in medal play by long handicap players; the subsequent putting is made infinitely easier thereby.

PUTTING ADVICE

And in that putting itself, try to hole the initial putt every time, again as you would do at a 19th hole. As the old cynic said, "The hole will get in the way sometimes"—and, apart from that, the self-respect consequent on having given the hole a chance will make you all the more likely to hole the return putt, while the annoyance of being short will quite possibly fluster you into missing the next putt if you have been timid.

And if courage is needful for the score player, so is hope. No one can say how bad a score may eventually head a list, and in this competition there is always the chance of substituting if those who have finished at the top should be unable to go to the next stage of the tournament.

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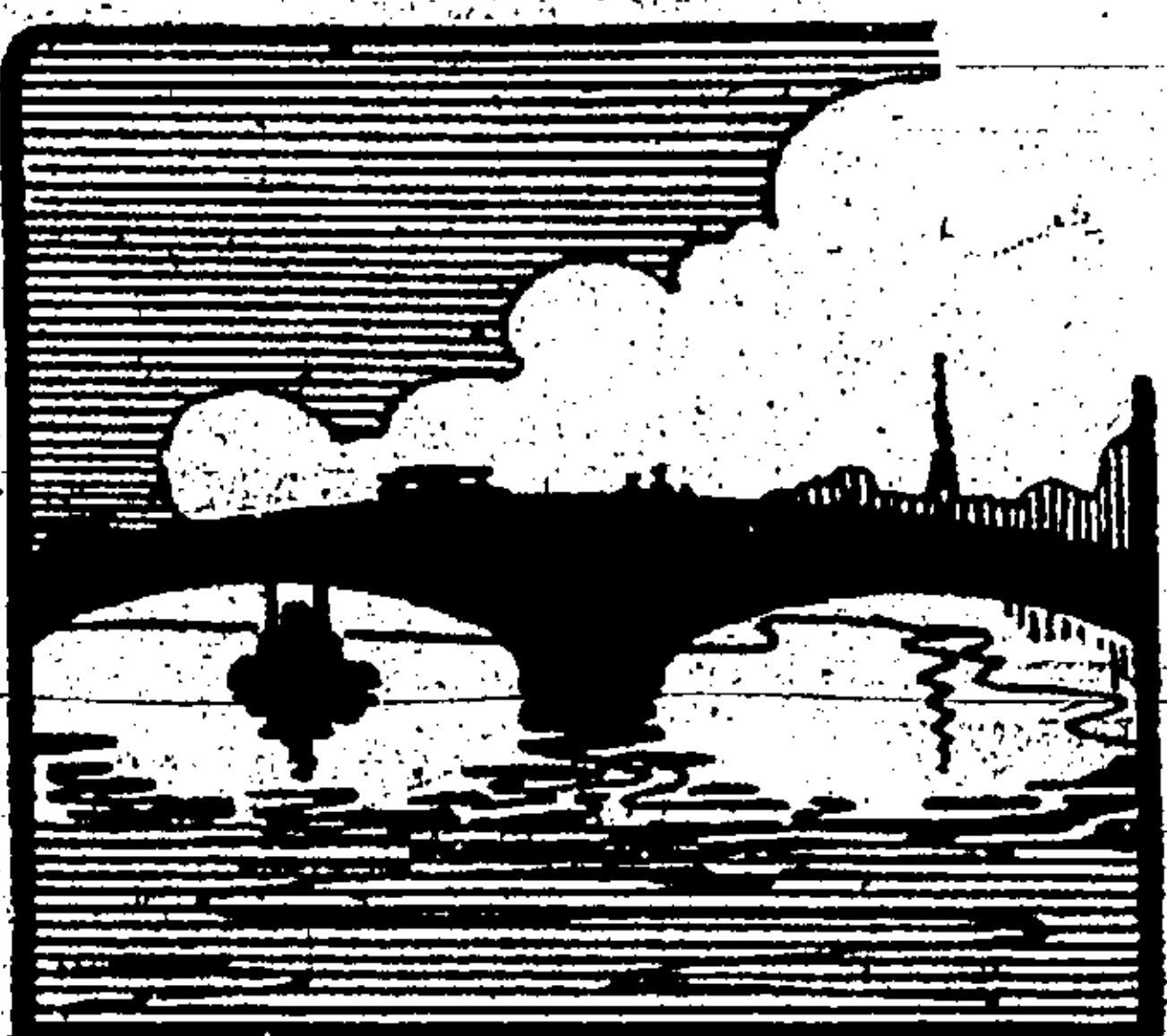
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U.S.A. TO MEET CHINA IN BALL FINAL

TWO EASY VICTORIES ON SUNDAY

WIND PLAYS HAVOC WITH THE BALL

(By "SHORTSTOP")

PREDICTIONS were fulfilled over the week-end when China emerged victorious over India by the ample score of 10 runs to 2, in their International Softball clash, while the U.S.A., overwhelmed Hong Kong by the large margin of 13 to 4.

There was little competition by the weaker aggregations and there was never a tight spot at any time during the games. China will meet U.S.A., for the championship of the Series within a fortnight's time.

Both Hong Kong and India fielded some new men in their line-up. Tinker Lee was included in Hong Kong's nine, and Hussain, the third sacker for the Volunteers last season, appeared for India.

Play was held in the coldest weather yet experienced this season, and the wind played prankish tricks with the ball. Only one three-bagger was hit, by Rechsteiner, while many of the batted balls should have been good for at least two bases, if the wind had not been so strong.

Leftfielders Izzy Ali, of India, and Hank Madigan, of U.S.A., were the safest out in the garden, with their tight squeezing. Ali had three putouts to his credit in one inning, in traditional one-two-three manner, and neither one of them bobbled any flies.

The detailed box scores:

INDIA										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Abbas 3b	4	0	0	3	2	2				
Kitchell ss	4	1	0	1	2	1				
K. Ramjahn cf	3	0	0	1	0	1				
M. Arculli 1b, 2b	4	0	1	3	0	2				
Nazarin p	3	1	1	1	0	0				
Hussain 2b, 1b	2	0	0	4	1	0				
Ali lf	3	0	0	9	1	0				
O. Arculli c	3	0	1	1	0	0				
A. Ramjahn rf	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Razack rf	2	0	0	1	0	0				
	29	2	3	24	6	6				

Score by innings:
Runs: 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1=2
Hits: 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1=3

CHINA										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Ching cf	4	0	1	1	0	0				
S. Wong lf	1	0	0	1	0	0				
Chinn lf	4	0	0	0	0	0				
Young p, 2b	5	2	2	3	4	0				
Woo 1b	4	1	1	8	1	0				
E. Wong 3b	4	1	0	0	1	0				
Ing rf	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Chan rf	3	2	1	2	1	0				
Quon p	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Lau 2b	3	1	0	3	2	0				
Jan ss	4	1	1	4	1	0				
Lum c	4	2	3	5	0	0				
	37	10	9	27	10	1				

Score by innings:
Runs: 7 2 1 0 0 0 0 x=10
Hits: 5 0 2 1 0 0 1 x=9
Struck out by Young=4; by Quon=1.
Base on balls off Nazarin=3; off Young=1; off Quon=2.
Umpires: Molthen, Delgado and Morreale.
Scorer: W. A. Smith.

HONG KONG										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Rapley lf	5	0	0	2	0	0				
Anderson cf	3	1	0	1	1	1				
Francis Zimmermann ss, 3b	4	1	2	1	2	2				
E. Zimmermann c, 1b	4	0	1	5	1	1				
Rob Lee 2b, ss	4	0	0	1	4	0				
Fred Zimmermann 2b	4	0	2	7	0	2				
Tinker Lee rf	4	0	1	1	0	0				
Madar p	4	1	0	1	4	0				
A. Zimmermann c	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Sling 1b	3	1	1	8	0	1				
	38	4	7	27	12	7				

Score by innings:
Runs: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Hits: 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0=4
U. S. A.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Slattery c	5	2	0	2	0	0
Gillogogly cf	6	2	1	2	0	0
Rechsteiner ss	5	2	2	1	3	1
McCall 3b	4	0	0	4	2	1
Madigan lf	3	2	0	5	0	0
North 1b	5	0	1	9	0	0
Joyce 2b	5	1	2	4	4	0
Morreale p	5	2	0	0	2	0
Molthen rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Smith rf	2	1	0	0	0	0
	47	13	7	27	11	2

Score by innings:
Runs: 1 5 0 0 1 0 1 3 2=13
Hits: 1 3 0 0 1 0 1 0 1=7
Three base hits=Rechsteiner.
Struck out by Morreale=1; by Madigan=0.
Base on balls off Morreale=1; off Madigan=4.
Umpires: Woo and Porter.
Scorer: A. Mann.

RECORDS AGAIN FALL AT THE EMPIRE GAMES

Many Dominion Successes

Sydney, To-day.
Following are the results of yesterday's Empire games:
Women's long jump (final).—Miss Norman (Australia) 19½ feet, games record.
Half-mile.—1. Boot (New Zealand); 2. Handley (England); 3. Dale (Canada). Time—1m 51.4/10s., games and Australian record. Won by 20 yards.
Marathon.—1. Coleman (South Africa), 2h. 30m. 49s., best time ever made in the games; 2. Norris (England), 2h. 37m. 57s.; 3. Gibson (South Africa), 2h. 38m. 20s.; 4. Robertson (Scotland), 2h. 42m. 40s.
220 Yards Semi-final.—1. O'Connor (Canada); 2. Holmes (England). Times—21.2/10s. and 21.3/10s., games record.
Women's Medley Race.—1. Australia; 2. Canada; 3. England. Time—49.1/10s.
Two Miles Walk (Invitation event).—Stubbs (Australia), Time—13m. 51s., Australian record.
220 Yards Hurdles.—Sharpley (New Zealand). Time—24.7/10s., Australian record.—Reuter.

FAREWELL SOCCER MATCH

The final appearance of the Royal Welch Fusiliers on local football fields will be to-morrow at Caroline Hill at 4.15 p.m. when they meet South China. The following will represent the Fusiliers: Rowlands; Wheeler, Keating; Evans, Kenaghan, Gressy; Coakley, Dennis, Sullivan, Talbot, Parry.

ENGLAND NEED ATTACKING BATSMEN

Sydney, January 8. — "The only chance England has of regaining the Ashes next season is to select attacking batsmen, and if she does this our slow bowlers will not come back with flattering averages." So says Arthur Mailey, the former Australian googly bowler, in an article in the "Sydney Daily Telegraph."

"I hated to see Frank Woolley, Percy Chapman, and Patsy Hendren coming in to bat," he adds, "but I always held out a welcome hand to poor Johnny Douglas, that determined, resolute prince of sportsmen, who thought defence was the best policy."

TWO NEW AQUATIC RECORDS AT EMPIRE GAMES

Established During The Heats

Sydney, To-day.

Although only heats were held yesterday in the British Empire Games swimming events, R. H. Leivers, the well-known English middle-distance swimmer, set up a new record for the 1,650 yards event which he covered in 20 mins. 36-10 secs.

Miss Dorothy Green, of Australia, established a new Empire Games record over the 440 Yards freestyle when she clocked 5 mins. 43 secs.—Reuter.

ENGLISH TENNIS WINS IN PARIS

Paris, December 31.

Miss Valerie Scott and Miss Joan Saunders reached the semi-finals of the women's doubles by beating Mme. Claude and Mme. Morel-Deville, 6-3, 6-2 here to-day.

In the mixed doubles Miss Scott and C. M. Jones entered the quarter-finals by a victory over Mme. Speranza and M. Ralsin, 6-3, 8-6. C. M. Jones, paired with G. Glasser in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles, lost to C. Boussus and P. Feret, 6-4, 6-3.

DERBY FORECAST POOL

The \$1 stage of the Hong Kong Derby Forecast closed last evening with the total of \$2,635 in the Pool.

The second stage is now open and until 5 p.m. on Monday, 14th February, 1938, the cost of each Forecast is \$2.

CORINTHIANS AT THEIR BEST ISTHMIAN LEAGUE XI. OUTPLAYED

(By NORMAN ACKLAND)

Corinthians 4 Isthmian League 2

When Corinthians lost the privilege of exemption until the third round of the F.A. Cup, they claimed that it was impossible for them to reproduce their best form until after Christmas. Their excellent display against a strong Isthmian League team at the White City yesterday substantially backed up their contention.

It was easily their best performance of the season. Although they only actually won by a two-goal margin, they were attacking for about five-sixths of the game.

Shearer was outstanding in a brilliant attack. He continually drew the Isthmian defenders out of position, and made splendid openings for others. Caldwell considerably enhanced his chances of getting an amateur cap this season by his strong and constructive play, and with Mulrenan and Kelly formed a most effective attack.

Whewell wears his years lightly. Watching his lively and masterful play at centre-half, it was hard to realise he has been playing in senior football for 12 years.

Hill kept goal magnificently for the League, and Nicholls and Reeves also worked hard in defence. But except the left-wing pair, Wood and Taylor, the forwards did not impress.

DESERVED LEAD

Corinthians had much the better of the early play, and deserved the lead given them by Kelly after 12 minutes, when he headed through a centre from Mulrenan.

Taylor equalised with a good left-foot drive, and Wood nearly got another goal for the Isthmians when he headed against a post after changing places with Taylor.

For the rest of the half Corinthians were usually attacking, and Shearer gave them the lead again after cutting through brilliantly following good work by Mulrenan.

It was all Corinth in the second half, Kilkenny and Whewell each scoring a great goal. Towards the end Turner reduced the lead.

CORINTHIANS.—A. H. Woolcock; G. A. Strasser, J. Allen; K. P. S. Caldwell, W. T. Whewell, J. C. Kilkenny; D. W. Mulrenan, J. Kelly, E. D. R. Shearer, L. C. Thornton, F. Riley.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—H. H. C. Hill (Dulwich H.); G. G. Holmes (Ilford), A. W. Nicholls (Leytonstone); C. Murray (Dulwich H.), A. E. Myers (Ilford), A. G. Reeves (Wimbledon); L. B. Morrish (Dulwich H.), R. S. Anderson (Dulwich H.), N. Turner (Wycombe W.), J. Taylor (Tufnell Pk.), J. Wood (Leytonstone).

EDDIE PEIRCE BEATS BARTON

London, December 28. — Eddie Peirce, South African middleweight, scored a clever points victory over Stafford Barton, of Jamaica, in a 12 rounds contest at The Ring, London, on Sunday. Early Barton was prominent with left hooks to the head, but Peirce's superior close-quarter fighting gradually wore him down.

Revival Of Old Popular Songs: From The Studio

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Frances Langford (Vocal). Rap Tap On Wood (from 'Born to Dance'). I've Got You Under My Skin (from 'Born to Dance'). Deep Shadows (Meskill-White).

12.40 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Chiquita, Waltz (Wayne). Drifting And Dreaming (Gillespie).

Ferera and Paaluh (Hawaiian Guitar Duet).

Rock Me In A Cradle Of Kalua (Wending).

Maybe It's The Moon (Whiting).

Frank Ferera's Hawaiian Trio. Honolulu March.

Kohala March.

Ferera and Paaluh (Hawaiian Guitars).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: B. Wylie. Subject: 'Pretty Pictures.'

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.25 p.m.—London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—3: My Work as a Theatrical Manager and Agent. A talk by Bert Aza.

Today's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. 845 k.c's :::: ZEK 640 k.c's

7.45 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Sympathy (film 'Firefly'). Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Orchestra—'Hide And Seek'—Selection (Ellis). New Mayfair Orchestra cond. by Ronnie Munro.

Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley. Elsie Carlisle.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—'Revival of Some Old Popular Songs' by J.C.M.G. and C.H.A.H.

8.18 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. 'The Dubarry'—Selection. New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Willi Lachner.

'Careless Rapture'—(Novello-Hassall): Love Made The Song. Sybil Crawley and Eric Startling (Vocal Duet).

Music In May. Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

'Out Of The Bottle'—Selection (Levant, Grey and Ellis).

'Tell Her The Truth'—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge). New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.40 p.m.—Keith Falkner (Baritone). San Diego Betty (film 'Mayfair Melody'). Without The Moon (film 'Mayfair Melody').

Wings (film 'Mayfair Melody').

8.50 p.m.—Variety.

Comedienne—I Think Of What You Used To Think Of Me (Turk, Hanley and Lyman).

Like The Big Pots Do (Long). Gracie Fields.

Dance Orch.—The Girl In The Hansom Cab—Comedy Waltz.

I'm A Little Prairie Flower—Comedy Fox-Trot.

Jack Harris and His Orchestra (Vocalist: Elsie Carlisle).

Sketch w. Effects—The Steamboat Trip (The Two Cockney Kids).

Vocal—We're Still Single To-day. Ethel Revnell and Gracie West.

Dance Orch.—Cryin' Mood—Fox-Trot. Pardon My Love—Fox-Trot. 'Fats' Waller and His Rhythm.

Vocal—A Tender Song (Fenyés-Amberg). You Passed Me By (Hess-Misrahi-Bennerfeld). Herbert E. Groh (Tenor).

Accordion Band—Wind And Waves (Zander). My Rhythm (Munsonius). Jungherr's Accordion Melodians.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Beethoven-Sonata In B Flat Major, Op. 22 played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

10.15 p.m.—Beethoven-Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92. Played by the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Beethoven Symphony And Sonata: Conducted By Toscanini

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

9.10 a.m.—Variety.

9.30 a.m.—Recital of Folk-songs from Australia and New Zealand.

9.45 a.m.—A New Zealand Day Message by Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.

10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F (The Pastoral), Op. 68.

11.25 a.m.—'All Kinds of People'—3: My Work as a Theatrical Manager and Agent. A talk by Bert Aza.

11.45 a.m.—Chamber Music.

12.15 p.m.—'Robin Hood.' A story of the Middle Ages.

1.00 p.m.—The Enfield Central Band.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSE 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)

GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Take your Choice.'

2.30 p.m.—'A Theme and a Song'—Whistling Songs.

2.40 p.m.—'Let's Go to the Theatre.'

3.00 p.m.—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Violoncello Recital by Michael Collins.

4.40 p.m.—'Do we Understand English?'

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

An Absurd Conflict

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I know that you have been called on to decide many bridge arguments. But, by comparison with one which I am about to submit, these others were trifling, friendly differences of opinion; this one is a duel to the death. In the hand submitted below, hostilities broke out the moment I, as declarer, saw the dummy, and a temporary truce was not effected until my partner and I agreed to bet a billion dollars on who was responsible for the absurd final contract. You were unanimously elected referee. We trust that you will not not allow the size of the bet to influence your judgment. Far be it from me to try to bribe the judiciary, but just between us, I hope you decide in my favour, as I would undoubtedly find payment of the above amount somewhat inconvenient. I give you the hand and the bidding.

NORTH

S.—K 10 6

H.—9 6 4 3

D.—A K 8

C.—A 10 6

WEST

S.—Q 7 5

H.—A K 8 5 2

D.—9 7

C.—Q 8 5

EAST

S.—8 2

H.—Q J 10 7

D.—10 6 4

C.—J 9 4 3

SOUTH

S.—A J 9 4 3

H.—None

D.—Q J 5 3 2

C.—K 7 2

"Our bidding (North-South vulnerable):

	West	North	East
1 spade	2 hearts	3 spades	Pass
4 hearts	Pass	5 clubs	Pass
6 spades	Pass	7 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"As South, I claimed that North bid his head off. North claims precisely the same thing about me. What is the verdict?

"Tremblingly yours,

"E. J. C., Boston, Mass."

Such a small matter as deciding a billion dollar bet troubles me very little. I shudder to think, however, what North is going to do in a physical way to South when he

reads my decision.

South did, in fact, "bid his head off." Despite the fact that his opening bid was shaded as to honour tricks, he later bid his hand in a fashion that advertised a powerhouse. His four heart cue bid was quite unjustified; such a bid must be reserved for hands well above minimum strength. When, in response to this cue bid, North made an asking bid of five clubs, South apparently considered himself obliged to give the proper positive answer regardless of his previous overbidding.

It is obvious, of course, that the declarer did not fulfill the contract but — and here's the rub — *he should have!* Undoubtedly, West opened the heart king. Declarer should have seen that success depended on two factors, apparently separate, but in reality a combination, namely, to pick up the spade queen and to avoid the loss of a club trick. In only one way could this be done. Declarer should ruff the opening lead and enter dummy with a diamond to ruff a second heart. Dummy's second diamond entry would provide the opportunity for a third heart ruff with the spade jack. The spade ace should then be cashed and the finesse taken to the king-ten. Since declarer would be fortunate enough to find the queen in West's hand and the trump suit breaking, his troubles would be over. Dummy's spade king would draw the queen while declarer himself was discarding a club, and declarer's own hand would then be solid.

It is saddening to think that my correspondent will have to go without luxuries simply because he was out acquainted with "dummy reversal" play.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Dealer bid one spade.

As second hand, I held:

S.—K J 9 6

H.—5

D.—A 10 7 4

C.—A 6 3 2

What was my correct call?

Answer: You should have passed.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"The Life Of Emile Zola"—Warners' most ambitious film production of many months. This picture is a vibrant, tense and emotional story about the man who fought a nation with his pen and successfully championed the cause of the exiled Capt. Alfred Dreyfus. With Paul Muni in the title role, supported by distinguished players, the film is finely made and merits high rating as cinema art and fully deserves significant recognition.

AT THE KING'S—"Heldi", with Shirley Temple, Jean Hersholt, Arthur Treacher and Helen Westley. Shirley Temple's greatest triumph, supported by a great performance by Jean Hersholt. Johnna Spyri's story read and loved by millions, reproduced with all details on the screen.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"High Flyers", with Bert Wheeler, Robert Woolsey and Lupe Velez. An uproarious comedy in which the two comedians are wanted for smuggling and steal a police plane. The plot revolves around their frantic efforts to evade the Police after the plane had crashed on a millionaire's estate where they are mistaken for detectives and are forced into solving a jewel robbery and thus are vindicated in the end.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Way Out West"—Sad faced Laurel and pompous, jolly Hardy are a riot of fun from the time they enter the picture across a desert stream with their trick donkey until their fade-out crossing the stream on the way back. It is their first Western and the boys whoop it up as a pair of "tenderheels." In the supporting cast are Sharon Lynne, James Finlayson and Rosina Lawrence.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Wee Willie Winkie", with Shirley Temple, Victor McLaglen, June Lang, C. Aubrey Smith, Michael Whalen and Cesar Romero. The famous Rudyard Kipling story of India. In the heart of mighty India, where all the world is wild and strange and in the land of the Bengal Lancers, the story deals with the glorious adventures of the Scottish Highlanders in action and of the girl who won the right to wear their plaid. All the thrills and reckless heroism in the picture makes it one of the greatest ever made.



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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Saturday 19.2.38.

Corinthians vs. S.C.A.A.

Sunday 20.2.38.

Corinthians vs. United Services.

Saturday 26.2.38.

Corinthians vs. Civilians.

Sunday 27.2.38.

Corinthians vs. All Hong Kong.

All the matches will be played at Caroline Hill commencing each day at 4.00 p.m.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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On View from Wednesday, the 9th, February, 1938.

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Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1938.

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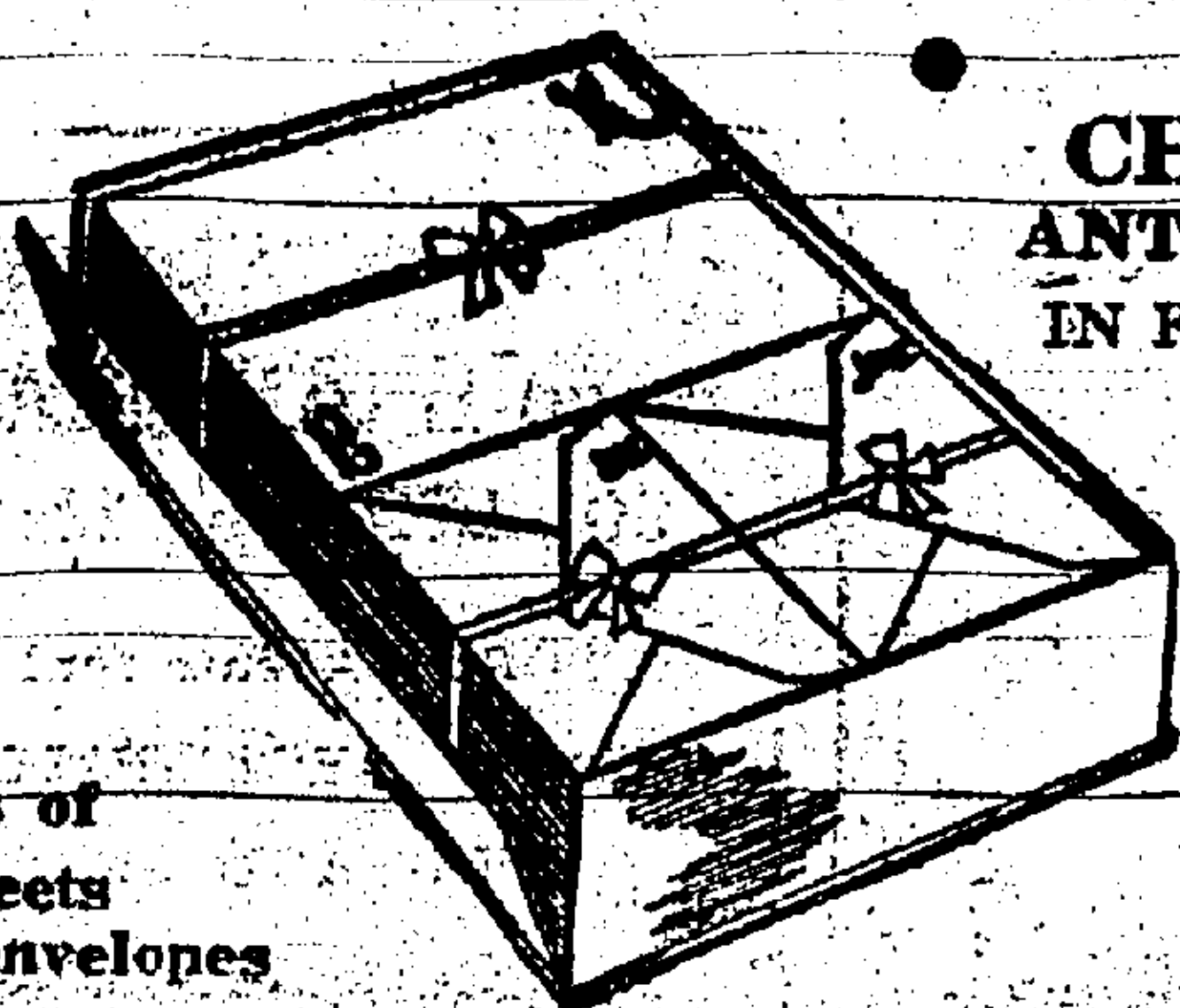
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CHINESE CLAIM TO BE CLOSING ON WUHU

Hankow, To-day.

Chinese sources claimed to-day that Chinese troops are closing in on Wuhu from the south and east and that a large number of boats are in the river ready to evacuate the Nippon defenders.

Having recaptured Wanchih on the Kiangnan Railway for the second time, the Chinese troops are advancing on Wuhu along this line to join in the siege. Another column is moving southward to attack Hsuanchen, which is enveloped. Chinese forces expect to enter the town at any moment.

At the same time Chinese forces at Fangchang, Ningkuo and Nan-ning south-west of the Kiangnan railway and those in Lishui, Liangchi and Kaoch'un north-east of the railway, are making a combined drive.

POLICE AND NAZIS CLASH

Vienna, To-day.

Clashes have occurred in the

FRANCO SEEKS TO EVADE HUNTER COST

London, To-day.

At question time in the Commons yesterday, the Foreign Secretary said that the Spanish insurgent government had shown itself indisposed to pay compensation for the loss of the British destroyer H.M.S. Hunter, which ran on a mine in Spanish waters last year.

The insurgent government had declared that it was not responsible for laying of the mine but the British Government could not be satisfied with this answer, and was making further representations at Salamanca.

The British claim amounts to £134,000.—Trans-Ocean.

past two days between police and Austrian Nazis.

A Nazi demonstration occurred at a winter sports meeting near Vienna, when 22 were arrested.—Trans-Ocean.

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Moscow, To-day.

The crew of the dirigible had petitioned the Government to allow them to go to the rescue of the North Pole scientists.

The disaster occurred during a trial flight held to decide whether the dirigible should go to the Arctic.

The dirigible hit the top of a mountain in poor visibility.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Theodore Butenca, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Bucharest, has mysteriously disappeared from his home.

The Legation believe that he has been kidnapped, and perhaps murdered.—Reuter.



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